

1 SENATE BILL 237

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PROBATE COURTS; REQUIRING CERTAIN PROBATE JUDGES TO
12 BE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BAR OF NEW MEXICO.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. Section 34-7-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1865,
16 Chapter 21, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "34-7-1. PROBATE JUDGE--AUTHORIZED.--

18 A. There shall be a probate judge in each county of
19 this state. The position of probate judge shall be deemed a
20 part-time position.

21 B. No person in a class A county with a population
22 of more than five hundred thousand according to the most recent
23 federal decennial census shall be eligible for or appointed to
24 the office of probate judge unless that person is a member of
25 the state bar of New Mexico and has practiced law in this state

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1 for a minimum of two years."

2 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
3 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.

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