

AN ACT
RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; REVISING THE EDUCATION
QUALIFICATIONS FOR NEW STATE POLICE OFFICERS; AMENDING A
SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 29-2-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941,
Chapter 147, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"29-2-6. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. --

A. Members of the New Mexico state police, except
the chief, shall:

(1) at the time of their appointment, be
citizens of the United States;

(2) at the time of their appointment, have
reached twenty-one years of age;

(3) at the time of their appointment:

(a) have completed not less than sixty
hours of college credit; or

(b) have completed not less than
thirty hours of college credit and, no later than two years
following appointment, have completed not less than an
additional thirty hours of college credit;

(4) be of good moral character and not have
been convicted of a felony or infamous crime in the courts
of this state or other state or any country or in the
federal courts; and

(5) pass a physical examination the New Mexico state police may require.

B. A person shall not be commissioned a member of the New Mexico state police who is related by blood or marriage within the fourth degree to a member of the public safety advisory commission. "

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2001. _____