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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL FROM PUBLIC OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON CONVICTION OF A FELONY; PROVIDING FOR FORFEITURE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1912, Chapter 44, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-1-2. PUBLIC OFFICE--CONVICTION OF CRIME--DISQUALIFICATION--REMOVAL--FORFEITURE.--[Sec. 2. That No]

A. A person convicted of a [felonious or infamous crime] felony, unless such person has been pardoned or restored to political rights, shall <u>not</u> be qualified to be elected or appointed to any public office in this state.

B. If a person who holds a public office in this state is convicted of a felony, the person shall be deemed to .198032.1

1	have resigned from the public office immediately upon
2	conviction, and the office shall be deemed vacant. All funds
3	belonging to the person's campaign committee or committees
4	shall be subject to forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of
5	the Forfeiture Act; provided that upon forfeiture, any funds
6	shall be deposited into the children's trust fund.
7	C. As used in this section, "public office" means:
8	(1) any state elective office;
9	(2) the office of a cabinet secretary; or
10	(3) an appointed position on a public board or
11	commission."
12	SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATEThe effective date of the
13	provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.
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