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Simple Title of Bill: Legal Education Requirements for NM Magistrate Court Judges

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

Creating a Higher Standard for Magistrate Court Judges in the State of New Mexico

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. - New Mexico Magistrate court judge: jurisdiction over cases such as landlord-tenant rights, traffic violations, and preliminary felony hearings. Judges also sign off on search and arrest warrants for law enforcement officers.

Law Degree: is an academic degree conferred for studies in law. (Juris doctor, Masters of law, Doctor of Juridical Science)

Paralegal: a person trained in subsidiary legal matters but not fully qualified as a lawyer

SECTION 2. PROVITIONS. - If this bill is passed all candidates for the position of magistrate court judge will be required to have a law degree or 3 years of paralegal experience. If there are absolutely no candidates with law degrees or paralegal experience willing to run for the office, other candidates will be accepted as an alternative candidate in an effort to fill the office.

SECTION 3. PENALTY. - If a candidate that does meet the qualifications of the office and is elected they will be stripped of the title and there will be a re-election. This excludes any approved alternative candidates.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. - There are no appropriations for this bill.

All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are herby repealed.

The provisions of this act shall be effective on and after The provisions of this act shall be effective during the next set of magistrate court judge elections.