

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 956

3 By: Daniels of the Senate

4 and

5 Moore of the House

6 An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 92i, which relates to candidates for district
or associate district judge; modifying certain
qualification for candidacy; updating statutory
language; and providing an effective date.

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 92i, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 92i. To file as a candidate for the office of district
14 judge or associate district judge, one must have been a registered
15 voter and actual resident of the appropriate ~~county~~ district for at
16 least six (6) months prior to the first day of the filing period.

17 Should no one file for any such office, and should a vacancy thereby
18 created be filled by appointment according to law, there shall be no
19 such residency or durational registration requirement imposed on the
20 appointee, providing ~~said~~ the appointee is otherwise qualified, nor
21 shall any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of
22 district judge or associate district judge be required to comply
23 with ~~such~~ the residency or durational registration requirement in

1 becoming a candidate for a full term following such an appointment.

2 No one who has been removed from judicial office or who has resigned
3 from office pending disciplinary proceedings shall qualify to file
4 as a candidate for judicial office.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

6 Passed the Senate the 26th day of March, 2025.

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8 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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10 Passed the House of Representatives the _____ day of _____,
11 2025.

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14 of Representatives