

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 11, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 956

By: Daniels

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

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

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

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

18 Should no one file for any such office, and should a vacancy thereby
19 created be filled by appointment according to law, there shall be no
20 such residency or durational registration requirement imposed on the
21 appointee, providing ~~said~~ the appointee is otherwise qualified, nor
22 shall any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of
23 district judge or associate district judge be required to comply
24 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 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
7 February 11, 2025 - DO PASS

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