

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 SENATE BILL 1246

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to district judges; amending 20 O.S.
8 2011, Section 92i, which relates to candidates for
9 district or associate district judge; establishing
methods for filling certain vacancies; and providing
an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 92i, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 92i. A. To file as a candidate for the office of
16 district judge or associate district judge, one must have been a
17 registered voter and actual resident of the appropriate county for
18 at least six (6) months prior to the first day of the filing period.
19 Should no one file for any such office, and should a vacancy thereby
20 created be filled by appointment according to law, there shall be no
21 such residency or durational registration requirement imposed on the
22 appointee, providing said appointee is otherwise qualified, nor
23 shall any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of
24 district judge or associate district judge be required to comply

1 with such residency or durational registration requirement in
2 becoming a candidate for a full term following such appointment. No
3 one who has been removed from judicial office or who has resigned
4 from office pending disciplinary proceedings shall qualify to file
5 as a candidate for judicial office.

6 B. When a vacancy in the office of district judge or associate
7 district judge occurs, the Governor may fill such vacancy for the
8 unexpired term by calling a special election or by appointing a
9 candidate from a list provided by the Judicial Nominating
10 Commission.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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