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February 7, 2017

By: Sykes

An Act relating to district judges; amending 20 O.S. 2011, Section 92.1, which relates to judicial districts and district judges; adding certain qualification; updating statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 92.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 92.1. A. The state is hereby divided into twenty-six (26) district court judicial districts with the number of authorized districts and district judges to be as provided in Sections ~~2~~ 92.22 through ~~27~~ 92.27 of this ~~act~~ title.

B. Pursuant to the authority provided by Section 8 of Article VII of the Oklahoma Constitution, a district judge shall have, in addition to the qualifications required by such section and as part of his or her experience as a licensed practicing attorney, experience as lead counsel in a minimum of three (3) jury trials brought to verdict prior to filing for such office or appointment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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