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## AN ACT

Relating to qualifications and appointment of district court judges; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 22.15.160 is amended to read:

Sec. 22.15.160. QUALIFICATIONS OF DISTRICT JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES. (a) A district judge shall be a citizen of the United States and of the state, at least 21 years of age, a resident of the state for at least one year immediately preceding his appointment, and at the time of his appointment licensed to practice law in the State of Alaska. The supreme court may prescribe additional qualifications.

(b) A magistrate shall be a citizen of the United States and of the state, at least 21 years of age, and a resident of the state for at least six months immediately preceding his appointment. The supreme court may prescribe additional qualifications.

\* Sec. 2. AS 22.15.170 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 22.15.170. SELECTION OF DISTRICT JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES. (a) The governor shall fill a vacancy in an office of district judge by appointing one of two or more persons nominated by the judicial council. The judicial council shall determine the city within a judicial district where the district judge is to sit.

(b) The presiding judge of the superior court in each judicial district may appoint acting district judges as needed to serve a term of no longer than 12 months or until succeeded by an appointment made under (a) of this section, whichever first occurs. An acting district judge shall be a citizen of the United States and of the state, at least 21 years of age, but need not be licensed to practice law in any one of the United States and need not have estab-

lished Alaska residence before his appointment. Service as an acting district judge is not considered as judicial service for the purposes of ch. 25 of this title.

(d) Vacancies for judges and magistrates shall be filled in the same manner as appointments.

\* Sec. 3. Sec. 3, ch. 138, SLA 1966 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Beginning September 1, 1968 the Alaska Judicial Council shall accept applications for all positions as district judge with all appointments to be made before January 1, 1969. All interested persons including district judges sitting on September 1, 1968 may apply. The term of a district judge sitting on September 1, 1968, continues until an appointment to his position is made under this section, regardless of his qualifications under AS 22.15.160(a).

\* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1968.