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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 14-23-1040, relating to qualifications of probate judges, so as to REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND RESTRUCTURE THE STATUTE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 14‑23‑1040 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 14‑23‑1040. No person is eligible to hold the office of judge of probate who is not at the time of his election:

(1) a citizen of the United States and of this State,;

(2) has not attained the age of twenty‑one years upon his election,;

(3) has not become a qualified elector of the county in which he is to be a judge,; and

(4) has not received a four‑year bachelor’s bachelor of science or arts degree from an accredited post‑secondary institution or if he has not received no a four‑year bachelor of science or arts degree he must have four years’ experience as an employee in a probate judge’s office in this State.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act do not apply to a probate judge currently serving in office on or before the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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