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Introduced by M. of A. ABINANTI, GRIFFIN, GALEF, WALKER, JOYNER, GOTTFRIED, J. D. RIVERA, McDONOUGH, DICKENS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, DINOWITZ, HYNDMAN, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to requiring that judges in criminal trials are admitted to practice law within the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The judiciary law is amended by adding a new section 9 to read as follows:

§ 9. Qualifications and restrictions of judges. No person, other than one who holds such office at the effective date of this section, shall preside over a criminal trial unless he or she has been admitted to practice law in this state.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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