

## **Title 2**

## **Section 301**

### **Sec. 301. Qualifications.**

To be eligible to hold the office of justice or judge, a person must have an Associate of Arts degree or Bachelor of Arts or Science degree from an accredited college in law and criminal justice or similar field of study, or 4 years judicial experience; be at least 25 years of age; not have been convicted of a felony; not have been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces; be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the office; have successfully completed a judge's qualifying examination administered as prescribed by the Tribal Executive Board; and in the opinion of the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board be of sound judgment and good character and possess a reputation for honesty, fairness and impartiality.

To be eligible to hold the position of Chief Justice, a person must also have a degree in law from an accredited law school and be a member in good standing of the bar of any state or federal court. Between equally qualified candidates for a position as judge or justice, preference shall be given to an Indian candidate.

Any person otherwise qualified may be appointed as a justice on a probationary basis prior to taking the judges qualifying examination. Any such person shall take and pass the judges qualifying examination during his/her probationary period.

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