

THE HANNA SEAT

¹The Initial Term: 7 Years

Succeeding Terms: 8 Years

ELECTIONS	JUSTICES	P	DATES OF SERVICE	
1911	² HANNA Richard H.	D	JAN 1912	DEC 1918
1918	³ RAYNOLDS Herbert F.	R	JAN 1919	DEC 1922
	⁴ BOTTS Clarence M.	R	DEC 1922	DEC 1924
*1924	⁵ WATSON John C.	R	JAN 1925	DEC 1926
1926	⁶ WATSON John C.	R	JAN 1927	AUG 1935
1934	⁷ BRICE Charles R.	D	AUG 1935	DEC 1942
1942	BRICE Charles R.	D	JAN 1943	DEC 1950
1950	⁸ COORS Henry G.	D	JAN 1951	JUL 1953
	⁹ SEYMOUR Augustus T.	R	JUL 1953	DEC 1954
*1954	^{10,11} KIKER Henry A.	D	DEC 1954	MAR 1958
	¹² SHILLINGLAW W. Morris	R	APR 1958	DEC 1958
1958	CARMODY David W.	D	JAN 1959	DEC 1966
1966	¹³ CARMODY David W.	D	JAN 1967	APR 1969
	¹⁴ WATSON John T.	R	MAY 1969	DEC 1970
*1970	STEPHENSON Donnan	D	JAN 1971	DEC 1974
1974	¹⁵ STEPHENSON Donnan	D	JAN 1975	JUN 1976
	¹⁶ EASLEY Mack	D	JUL 1976	DEC 1976
*1976	¹⁷ EASLEY Mack	D	JAN 1977	SEP 1982
	¹⁹ STOWERS JR. Harry E.	D	DEC 1982	DEC 1982

*Election to fill unexpired term

ELECTIONS	JUSTICES	P	DATES OF SERVICE	
1982	²⁰ STOWERS JR. Harry E.	D	JAN 1983	MAY 1989
	²¹ LARRABEE Charles B.	R	JUL 1989	NOV 1989
	²² WILSON Kenneth B.	R		
1990	²³ FRANCHINI Gene E.	D	NOV 1990	DEC 1998

NOTES RE HANNA SEAT

1. Parker, Hanna, and Roberts, the first three state supreme court justices, drew by lot initial terms of 4 years, 6 years, and 8 years, respectively, but since the election was held in 1911, each of the initial three terms were a year longer than would have been the case if the election had been held in 1912.
2. Hanna, a Progressive Republican, ran as a Democrat on a fusion Republican-Democratic ticket. In the 1918 election, Hanna – now officially running as a Democrat – lost his reelection bid to Republican Herbert F. Reynolds.
3. Reynolds submitted his letter of resignation four days after the 1922 election (Roberts, 140); his resignation became effective on December 11, 1922 (NMR 28: 1922-23).
4. Botts was appointed to the Reynolds vacancy (NMR 28: 1922-23) by Governor Merritt C. Mechem. Botts took office on December 26, 1922 – just five days before the end of Mechem’s one two-year term as governor (1921-22). Botts did not run for supreme court justice in 1924.
5. Howard L. Bickley incorrectly noted as succeeding Botts (in NMR 29: 1923-24); instead, Bickley succeeded Fort (in the Roberts Seat).
6. Watson, even though defeated by Brice in November 1934, served until August 1, 1935, when Brice was “qualified” (NMR 39: 1934-35, iii). John C. Watson was the father of a future “Hanna Seat” occupant, namely, John T. Watson (Roberts, 319).
7. Brice, even though elected in November 1934, did not take office until August 1, 1935, when he was “qualified” (NMR 39: 1934-35, iii).
8. Coors resigned on July 8, 1953 (NMR 57: 1953, v).
9. Seymour was appointed to the Coors vacancy on July 8, 1953 (NMR 57: 1953, v) by Governor Edwin L. Mechem.
10. Kiker was qualified on December 16, 1954 (NMR 57: 1953, v).
11. Kiker died on March 25, 1958 (NMR 64: 1958, v).
12. Shillinglaw was appointed to the Kiker vacancy by Governor Edwin L. Mechem on March 31, 1958 (Roberts, 244), and took office on April 7, 1958 (NMR 64: 1958, v).
13. Carmody retired on April 30, 1969 (NMR 80: 1968-69, v).
14. Watson (John T.) – the son of a previous occupant of the Hanna Seat, John C. Watson (Roberts, 319) – was appointed to the Carmody vacancy by Governor David F. Cargo on May 23, 1969 (Roberts, footnote 57, 336), and took office on May 26, 1969 (NMR 80: 1968-69, v).
15. Stephenson resigned on June 30, 1976 (NMR 89: 1976-77, v), after the Democratic Party Primary Election.
16. Easley was appointed to the Stephenson vacancy by Governor Jerry Apodaca, and took office on July 1, 1976 (NMR 89: 1976-77, v). Since Stephenson resigned after the primary elections, the NM Democratic State Committee designated Easley to run in the November 1976 general election for Stephenson’s unexpired six-year term.
17. Easley retired on September 30, 1982 (NMR 98: 1981-82, v).
18. Stowers was appointed to the Easley vacancy by Governor Bruce King and was qualified on December 3, 1982 (NMR 98: 1981-82, v).
19. Stowers retired on May 31, 1989 (NMR 108: 1988-89, v).
20. Larrabee was appointed to the Stowers vacancy by Governor Garrey Carruthers on July 5, 1989, and resigned on November 7, 1989 (NMR 108: 1988-89, v).
21. Wilson was appointed to the Larrabee vacancy by Governor Garrey Carruthers on December 29, 1989 (NMR 108: 1988-89, v).
22. Franchini took office on November 31, 1990 (NMR 110: 1989-90, v).