

THE SIMMS SEAT

ELECTIONS	JUSTICES	P	DATES OF SERVICE	
	¹ SIMMS SR. John F.	D	APR 1929	DEC 1930
1930	HUDSPETH Andrew H.	D	JAN 1931	DEC 1938
1938	² MABRY Thomas J.	D	JAN 1939	MAR 1946
1946	³ HUDSPETH Andrew H.	D	APR 1946	DEC 1946
1946	McGHEE James B.	D	JAN 1947	DEC 1954
1954	⁴ McGHEE James B.	D	JAN 1955	AUG 1960
	⁵ NOBLE Merrill B.	D	AUG 1960	DEC 1960
*1960	NOBLE Merrill B.	D	JAN 1961	DEC 1962
1962	⁶ NOBLE Merrill B.	D	JAN 1963	NOV 1969
	⁷ SISK Daniel A.	R	JAN 1970	DEC 1970
1970	McMANUS John B.	D	JAN 1971	DEC 1978
1978	⁸ McMANUS John B.	D	JAN 1979	JUL 1979
	⁹ FELTER Edwin L.	D	AUG 1979	APR 1980
*1980	RIORDAN Williams F.	R	JAN 1981	DEC 1986
1986	RANSOM Richard E.	D	JAN 1987	DEC 1994
±1994	¹⁰ RANSOM Richard E.	D	JAN 1995	FEB 1997
	¹¹ McKINNON Dan A. III	D	APR 1997	

*Election to fill unexpired term

±Retention election

NOTES RE SIMMS SEAT

1. The NM state legislature – as per the authorization of Article VI, Section 10, of the NM Constitution – added two additional supreme court justice seats (in 1929) to the original three seats. The two new justices – John F. Simms, Sr., Democrat, father of a future NM Governor, John F. Simms, Jr. (1955-56), and Charles C. Catron, Republican, son of NM politico Thomas B. Catron, were appointed by Governor Richard C. Dillon on March 15, 1929 (Roberts, 196), and took office on April 19, 1929 (NM Blue Book 1947-48, 59).
2. Mabry resigned on March 28, 1946 (NMR: 1946-47, v) to run for governor (Roberts, 236).
3. Hudspeth, who previously occupied the Simms Seat, was appointed to the Mabry vacancy by Governor John J. Dempsey on March 30, 1946 (Roberts, 236) and took office on April 1, 1946 (NMR 50: 1946-47, v).
4. McGhee retired on August 1, 1960 (NMR 67: 1960, v).
5. Noble was appointed by Governor John Burroughs to the McGhee vacancy, and took office on August 1, 1960 (NMR 67: 1960, v).
6. Noble died on November 13, 1969 (NMR 80: 1968-69, v).
7. Sisk was appointed to the Noble vacancy by Governor David F. Cargo on December 30, 1969 (Roberts, footnote 57, 336), effective January 5, 1970 (NMR 80: 1968-69, v).
8. McManus died on July 10, 1979 (NMR 92: 1978-79, v).
9. Felter was appointed to the McManus vacancy by Governor Bruce King on August 16, 1979 (NMR 92: 1978-79, v).
10. Ransom retired on February 7, 1997 (NMR 122: 1996-97, v).
1. McKinnon was appointed to the Ransom vacancy by Governor Gary Johnson on April 2, 1997, and took office on April 21, 1997 (NMR 122: 1996-97, v).