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SUPREME COURT ADOPTS NEW RULES ON ADMISSION TO BAR

Far reaching changes in the requirements for admission to the Bar in Indiana are made in the rules on admission announced by the Supreme Court on March 28. Mr. Milo N. Feightner, President of the State Board of Law Examiners, describes the changes made as follows:

"For several years the method of admission in Indiana, along with two other states, has been termed "primitive" by the Rockefeller Foundation. These changes, effective June 13, 1936, place Indiana on a parity with the more progressive states in the matter of admissions. The effect of these rules is to require, in the future, the graduation from a law school with the qualifications which entitle it to the designation of an approved law school, as determined by the Council on Legal Education of the American Bar Association. These approved law schools in turn require two years of pre-legal college education, subject only to comparatively rare exceptions. The court also preserved, with proper safeguards, the ideal of admission through law office study so that there still may be admissions through this age-old channel. The court has excepted also from the provisions of its rules, those now enrolled and in attendance upon a regularly organized law school and has seen fit to give Indiana law schools a reasonable opportunity in which to go upon an approved basis. * * *

"Other minor changes in the rules reduce the number of examinations that an applicant may take from five to four and raise the cost of admission of attorneys who come in by reason of comity and three years practice from another state, to \$40.00. The rules also require applications to be filed thirty days in advance of the examination instead of the three weeks as previously required.

"This change in rules culminates three successive steps in the matters of admissions: first, the action of the legislature of July 1, 1931, giving the Supreme Court exclusive jurisdiction of admissions; second, the decision in the case of *In re Todd*, and lastly, this change which places the matter of admissions to the Bar of Indiana on the highest plane recommended by the American Bar Association and so eagerly sought by the lawyers of Indiana.

"In a little more than four years, Indiana has progressed from the most backward state in the matter of admissions to a new standard which places Indiana in the front ranks in this matter.

"The action should be commended by every lawyer of this state."
