

Federal Judge – Deemed ‘Unqualified’ – Becomes First in U.S. History Confirmed By Senate Tiebreaker

CBS News **reports** that a federal judge nominee who the American Bar Association deemed “not qualified” for the bench has become the first in U.S. history to be confirmed by the Senate with a tie-breaking vote from the vice president.

Vice President Mike Pence cast the deciding vote in favor of Jonathan Kobes after senators split 50-50 on his confirmation to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Kobes is a lawyer from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The American Bar Association gave Kobes a “not qualified” rating, saying he had shown “neither the requisite experience nor evidence of his ability to fulfill the scholarly writing required of a United States Circuit Court Judge.”

Read the CBS News article.