

Mexico's controversial judicial reform takes effect following government decree

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador issued a decree in the Official Federal Gazette on Sunday, confirming that recent judicial reforms have now taken effect following his formal approval of the constitutional amendments.

One of the key reforms changes the appointment of magistrates, judges and ministers to an election based on popular vote. Other reforms include reducing the number of Supreme Court justices from 11 to 9 and introducing new judicial procedural rules.

Another significant reform involves the replacement of the Federal Judicial Council. Established in 1994, the Federal Judicial Council was created to take on disciplinary and administrative tasks, allowing Supreme Court to focus on constitutional issues. Under the new reform, the Federal Judicial Council will be replaced by the Judicial Disciplinary Court and a judicial administration body. These entities take over the council's duties, with the former handling disciplinary matters and the latter managing administrative responsibilities.

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