

1 SENATE BILL 301

2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING THE COURT EMERGENCY PROPERTY  
12 RESERVE FUND; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. A new Section 34-9-22 NMSA 1978 is enacted to  
16 read:

17 "34-9-22. [NEW MATERIAL] COURT EMERGENCY PROPERTY RESERVE  
18 FUND CREATED.--

19 A. The "court emergency property reserve fund" is  
20 created as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury to be  
21 administered by the administrative office of the courts.

22 B. The court emergency property reserve fund may be  
23 used to pay the costs of emergency or unforeseen repair,  
24 reconstruction or replacement of court-owned property and  
25 expenses incidental thereto not otherwise covered by warranty,

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1 capital appropriation or insurance or pursuant to Chapter 13,  
2 Article 5 NMSA 1978. The fund may also be used to pay the  
3 costs of administering the fund. Money in the fund shall be  
4 expended on warrants of the secretary of finance and  
5 administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the director of  
6 the administrative office of the courts.

7 C. The court emergency property reserve fund  
8 consists of money appropriated to the fund by the legislature.  
9 Money in the fund shall be invested by the state treasurer as  
10 provided by law, and earnings of the fund shall be credited to  
11 the fund. Unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining in the  
12 fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert."

13 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred fifty thousand  
14 dollars (\$450,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
15 court emergency property reserve fund for expenditure in fiscal  
16 year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years for purposes of the fund.  
17 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
18 a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

19 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
20 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.