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SENATE BILL 397

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; ASSIGNING PRECINCTS TO SAN JUAN
MAGISTRATE DISTRICT DIVISIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 35-1-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 62, Section 5) is amended to read:

"35-1-3. MAGISTRATE COURT--ELECTION--TERMS.--Except as
otherwise provided by law, magistrates shall be nominated and
elected at large within each magistrate district at the
primary and general elections. In magistrate districts
having more than one magistrate, the separate offices shall
be designated by divisions and, in all appointments to fill
vacancies and in all nominations and elections to these
offices, candidates shall be designated as appointed or
elected to the office of magistrate of a specific division.
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1 primary and general elections to serve terms from January 1,
2 1969 until December 31, 1970. Subsequent terms shall be for
3 four years."

4 Section 2. Section 35-1-27 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
5 Chapter 62, Section 29, as amended) is amended to read:

6 "35-1-27. MAGISTRATE COURT--SAN JUAN DISTRICT--ELECTION
7 DIVISION PRECINCTS.--

8 A. There shall be four [~~magistrates~~] magistrate
9 divisions in San Juan magistrate district, each division
10 having its own magistrate. Divisions 1 and 4 [~~operating~~]
11 shall operate as a single court in Aztec and divisions 2 and
12 3 [~~operating~~] shall operate as a single court in Farmington.

13 B. Magistrate judges shall not be elected at large
14 from the district, but shall be elected by the voters of the
15 division for which the magistrate sits. Magistrate judges
16 may reside anywhere within the magistrate district and shall
17 have district-wide jurisdiction. The composition of the
18 divisions for elections purposes is:

19 (1) division 1 is composed of San Juan
20 county precinct numbers 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69,
21 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 78, 79, 80, 82 and 83;

22 (2) division 2 is composed of San Juan
23 county precinct numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
24 14, 16, 17, 75, 76, 77 and 81;

25 (3) division 3 is composed of San Juan
county precinct numbers 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 43, 44,
45, 46, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56; and

