

AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM IN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

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

Section 1. Section 40-12-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 153, Section 4) is amended to read:

"40-12-4. DISTRICT COURT DOMESTIC RELATIONS MEDIATION FUND CREATED. -- A judicial district shall create a "domestic relations mediation fund" of the judicial district. Money in the fund shall be used to offset the cost of operating the domestic relations mediation program and the supervised visitation program. Deposits to the fund shall include payments made through the imposition of a sliding fee scale pursuant to Sections 40-12-5 and 40-12-5.1 NMSA 1978, distributions pursuant to Section 34-6-40 NMSA 1978 and the collection of the surcharge provided for in Section 40-12-6 NMSA 1978."

Section 2. A new section of the Domestic Relations Mediation Act, Section 40-12-5.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"40-12-5.1. SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM --

A. A judicial district may establish a "supervised visitation program" by local court rule approved by the supreme court. The supervised visitation program shall be used when, in the opinion of the court, the best

