

1 HOUSE BILL 143

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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8 ENDORSED BY THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE
12 SECOND AND THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

15 SECTION 1. Section 34-6-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
16 Chapter 69, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "34-6-5. JUDGES--SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall
18 be [~~twenty-seven~~] twenty-eight district judges in the second
19 judicial district."

20 SECTION 2. Section 34-6-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
21 Chapter 69, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

22 "34-6-6. JUDGES--THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be
23 [~~eight~~] nine district judges in the third judicial district."

24 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DISTRICT JUDGES--
25 APPOINTMENTS.--The additional district judgeships provided for
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1 in this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor
2 pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the constitution of
3 New Mexico.

4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS.--

5 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
6 general fund to the following agencies for expenditure in
7 fiscal year 2016 for the following purposes:

8 (1) three hundred eighty-five thousand seven
9 hundred dollars (\$385,700) to the second judicial district
10 court for salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and
11 equipment for one additional district judge and support staff;
12 and

13 (2) four hundred thirty-six thousand five
14 hundred dollars (\$436,500) to the third judicial district court
15 for salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment
16 for one additional district judge and support staff.

17 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
18 at the end of fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general
19 fund.

20 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.