

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Section 1 amends Section 35-1-22 entitled “Magistrate Court – Otero District.” Currently, this statute provides for two magistrates in Otero magistrate district, operating as a single court in Alamogordo.

This bill adds the requirement that the magistrates “shall rotate riding circuit to Chaparral on a regularly scheduled basis.”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

Additional funds will likely be required for the increased travel and per diem for the traveling judges. *See* NMSA 1978, § 34-1-9(E) (providing that magistrates “shall receive per diem and mileage for necessary travel on official business of the court as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act [10-8-1 to 10-8-8 NMSA 1977].”

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None noted.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None noted.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 188 which would require Dona Ana magistrates to ride circuit to Chaparral, Anthony, Sunland Park, and Hatch.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

None noted.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

n/a