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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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Date Prepared: January 30, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 188 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sarah Silva **Agency Name and Code Number:** Administrative Office of the District Attorneys - #264
Short Title: Expand Dona Ana District Magistrate Riding Circuit **Person Writing Phone:** M. Anne Kelly 5052503302 **Email:** akelly@da.state.nm.us

SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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 35-1-10 entitled “Magistrate Court – Dona Ana District.”

This statute currently provides that there shall be seven magistrates in the Dona Ana magistrate district. “All seven shall operate as a single court in Las Cruces and rotate riding circuit to Anthony and Hatch on a regularly scheduled basis.”

This bill adds the communities of Sunland Park and Chaparral to the rotating riding circuit for the magistrates.

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 144 which would require Otero magistrates to ride circuit to Chaparral.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES

n/a

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

n/a