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SENATE BILL 263

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT, COURTS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING THE JUDICIAL COMPENSATION
COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND SALARIES FOR JUDGES AND JUSTICES.

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

Section 1. JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION-- CREATION--
MEMBERSHIP-- DUTIES. --

A. The "judicial compensation commission" is
created to recommend salaries for judges of the magistrate
courts, metropolitan courts, district courts and courts of
appeals and justices of the supreme court.

B. The judicial compensation commission shall be
composed of five members and one chairperson as follows:

(1) the dean of the university of New Mexico
school of law, who shall serve as chairperson and vote only in
the event of a tie vote;

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1 (2) the president of the state bar of New
2 Mexico, or the president's designee;

3 (3) one member appointed by the governor;

4 (4) one member appointed by the president pro
5 tempore of the senate;

6 (5) one member appointed by the speaker of the
7 house of representatives; and

8 (6) one member appointed by the chief justice
9 of the supreme court.

10 C. The initial appointee of the governor shall
11 serve for three years, the initial appointees of the president
12 pro tempore and the speaker of the house shall serve for two
13 years and the initial appointee of the chief justice shall
14 serve for one year. All subsequent appointments shall be made
15 for three-year terms.

16 D. The commission is administratively attached to
17 the administrative office of the courts. Staff and meeting
18 rooms shall be provided by the administrative office of the
19 courts. The commission may employ experts to provide analysis
20 and data upon which to base its recommendations.

21 E. The commission shall meet at the call of the
22 chairperson not less than annually. The meetings shall be open
23 to the public.

24 F. Members of the commission shall receive per diem
25 and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and

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1 shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.

2 G. On or before December 1 of each year, the
3 commission shall report to the legislative finance committee
4 and the department of finance and administration its findings
5 and recommendations on salaries for judges and justices.

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