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HOUSE BILL 35

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 34-6-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 11, as amended by Laws 1994, Chapter 65,
Section 1 and also by Laws 1994, Chapter 77, Section 1) is
amended to read:

"34-6-8. JUDGES--FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be
[~~eight~~] ten district judges in the fifth judicial district."

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

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Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--Six hundred twenty-seven thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars (\$627,132) is appropriated from the general fund to the fifth judicial district for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 for salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment for two additional district judges and support staff. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2006.