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SENATE BILL 214

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; CREATING THE FOURTEENTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT; MODIFYING THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT;  
PROVIDING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS,  
PERSONNEL, APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTS AND OBLIGATIONS; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-6-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1941,  
Chapter 75, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-1. JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.--The state shall be divided  
into judicial districts as follows:

A. first judicial district, the counties of Santa  
Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos;

B. second judicial district, the county of  
Bernalillo;

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1 C. third judicial district, the county of Dona Ana;

2 D. fourth judicial district, the counties of

3 Guadalupe, San Miguel and Mora;

4 E. fifth judicial district, the counties of Eddy,

5 Chaves and Lea;

6 F. sixth judicial district, the counties of Grant,

7 Luna and Hidalgo;

8 G. seventh judicial district, the counties of

9 Socorro, Torrance, Sierra and Catron;

10 H. eighth judicial district, the counties of Taos,

11 Colfax and Union;

12 I. ninth judicial district, the counties of Curry

13 and Roosevelt;

14 J. tenth judicial district, the counties of Quay,

15 DeBaca and Harding;

16 K. eleventh judicial district, the ~~counties~~

17 county of McKinley ~~[and San Juan]~~;

18 L. twelfth judicial district, the counties of Otero

19 and Lincoln; ~~and~~

20 M. thirteenth judicial district, the counties of

21 Cibola, Sandoval and Valencia; and

22 N. fourteenth judicial district, the county of San

23 Juan."

24 SECTION 2. Section 34-6-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,

25 Chapter 69, Section 17, as amended) is amended to read:

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1           "34-6-14. JUDGES--ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There  
2 shall be [~~eight~~] three district judges in the eleventh judicial  
3 district. [~~The judges of divisions one, three, four, six and~~  
4 ~~eight shall reside and maintain their principal offices in San~~  
5 ~~Juan county. The judges of divisions two, five and seven shall~~  
6 ~~reside and maintain their principal offices in McKinley~~  
7 ~~county.]"~~

8           SECTION 3. A new Section 34-6-16.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
9 to read:

10           "34-6-16.1. [NEW MATERIAL] JUDGES--FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL  
11 DISTRICT.--There shall be five judges in the fourteenth  
12 judicial district."

13           SECTION 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES,  
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, PERSONNEL, APPROPRIATIONS, CONTRACTS AND  
15 OBLIGATIONS.--On the effective date of the provisions of this  
16 act:

17           A. judges serving in eleventh judicial district  
18 divisions one, three, four, six and eight who reside in San  
19 Juan county are transferred to the fourteenth judicial  
20 district, together with all appropriations, personnel, money,  
21 records, furniture, equipment, office supplies and other things  
22 of value and all contracts, liabilities or other obligations  
23 attributable to those divisions;

24           B. judges serving in eleventh judicial district  
25 divisions two, five and seven who reside in McKinley county

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1 shall remain in the eleventh judicial district and shall retain  
2 all appropriations, money, personnel, records, furniture,  
3 equipment, office supplies and other things of value and all  
4 contracts, liabilities or other obligations attributable to  
5 those divisions;

6 C. the district attorney serving in eleventh  
7 judicial district division one, composed of San Juan county, is  
8 transferred to the fourteenth judicial district, together with  
9 all appropriations, money, personnel, records, furniture,  
10 equipment, office supplies and other things of value and all  
11 contracts, liabilities or other obligations attributable to  
12 that division; and

13 D. the district attorney serving in eleventh  
14 judicial district division two, composed of McKinley county,  
15 shall remain in the eleventh judicial district and shall retain  
16 all appropriations, money, personnel, records, furniture,  
17 equipment, office supplies and other things of value and all  
18 contracts, liabilities or other obligations attributable to  
19 that division.

20 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--Ninety thousand dollars  
21 (\$90,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
22 administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal  
23 year 2014 to pay for salaries, benefits, office supplies,  
24 materials and other costs associated with the creation of a  
25 fourteenth judicial district. Any unexpended or unencumbered

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1 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert  
2 to the general fund.

3 SECTION 6. REPEAL.--Sections 36-1-8.2 and 36-1-8.3 NMSA  
4 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 25, Sections 1 and 2, as  
5 amended) are repealed.

6 SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
7 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013.