

LFC Requester:

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### AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

#### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: 1/30/2025

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB147

Original  Correction   
Amendment  Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil

Agency Name and Code Number: 305 – New Mexico Department of Justice

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#### 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
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

HB 147 proposes to add a thirty-first judgeship to the Second Judicial District.

Section 1 of the bill amends the number of judges in the Second Judicial District from “thirty” to “thirty-one” in NMSA 1978, Section 34-6-5.

Section 2 of the bill appropriates \$306,800 from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 to cover costs of the new judgeship, including salaries and benefits for judge and staff.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The portion adding the judgeship matches the form used for the last several statutory additions of judges and raises no issues.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None noted.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None noted.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**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