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SENATE BILL 553

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

John Arthur Smith

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CHANGING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF
NOMINEES FOR JUDICIAL VACANCIES IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT; CHANGING OFFICE LOCATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE SEVENTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 34-6-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 13, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-10. JUDGES--SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. --There
shall be three district judges in the seventh judicial
district. Upon the next occurring vacancy of a judgeship in
the seventh judicial district, the district court judges
nominating committee shall nominate qualified candidates
residing in Sierra county to fill that vacancy. Thereafter,
at least one district judge shall maintain his principal

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1 office in Sierra county. Upon the second occurring vacancy of
2 a judgeship in the seventh judicial district, the district
3 court judges nominating committee shall nominate qualified
4 candidates residing in Torrance county to fill that vacancy.
5 Thereafter, at least one district judge shall maintain his
6 principal office in Torrance county. "

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2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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17 Respectfully submitted,

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