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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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ENDORSED BY THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CLOSING MAGISTRATE CIRCUIT COURTS IN CATRON COUNTY AND TAOS COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35-1-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 62, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-1-5. MAGISTRATE COURT--CATRON DISTRICT.--There shall be one magistrate in Catron magistrate district whose principal court is in Reserve. [~~The magistrate shall ride circuit to Quemado on a regularly scheduled basis.~~]"

SECTION 2. Section 35-1-32 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 62, Section 34, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-1-32. MAGISTRATE COURT--TAOS DISTRICT.--There shall be two magistrates in Taos magistrate district, divisions 1 and 2 operating as a single court in Taos. [~~The magistrates shall~~

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