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SENATE BILL

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

ENDORSED BY THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE
FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; MAKING
APPROPRIATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-4. JUDGES--FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be
[~~nine~~] ten district judges in the first judicial district."

SECTION 2. Section 34-6-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-5. JUDGES--SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall
be [~~twenty-seven~~] twenty-nine district judges in the second
judicial district."

SECTION 3. Section 34-6-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,

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1 Chapter 69, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "34-6-6. JUDGES--THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be
3 [~~eight~~] nine district judges in the third judicial district."

4 SECTION 4. Section 34-6-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
5 Chapter 52, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

6 "34-6-15. JUDGES--TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall
7 be [~~four~~] five district judges in the twelfth judicial
8 district. The judge of division three shall reside and
9 maintain [~~his~~] the judge's principal office in Lincoln county."

10 SECTION 5. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DISTRICT JUDGES--
11 APPOINTMENTS.--The additional district judgeships provided for
12 in this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor
13 pursuant to Article 6, Section 36 of the constitution of New
14 Mexico.

15 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS TO THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND
16 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.--

17 A. Three hundred twenty-nine thousand dollars
18 (\$329,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the first
19 judicial district court for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to
20 pay the costs associated with a new judgeship, including
21 salaries and benefits for the judge and staff, furniture,
22 equipment and supplies. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
23 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the
24 general fund.

25 B. Seven hundred three thousand two hundred dollars

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1 (\$703,200) is appropriated from the general fund to the second
2 judicial district court for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to
3 pay the costs associated with new judgeships, including
4 salaries and benefits for the judges and staff, furniture,
5 equipment and supplies. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
6 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the
7 general fund.

8 C. Three hundred eighty-one thousand dollars
9 (\$381,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the third
10 judicial district court for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to
11 pay the costs associated with a new judgeship, including
12 salaries and benefits for the judge and staff, furniture,
13 equipment and supplies. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
14 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the
15 general fund.

16 D. One hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000)
17 is appropriated from the general fund to the twelfth judicial
18 district court for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to pay the
19 costs associated with a new judgeship, including salaries and
20 benefits for the judge and staff, furniture, equipment and
21 supplies. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
22 the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.