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

INTRODUCED BY

DISCUSSION DRAFT

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.