

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDICIAL RETIREMENT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF THE CIVIL DOCKET AND JURY FEES BE DEPOSITED INTO THE GENERAL FUND; PROVIDING THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUDICIAL AND MAGISTRATE RETIREMENT BE PROVIDED FROM THE GENERAL FUND; INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JUDICIAL AND MAGISTRATE RETIREMENT FUNDS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10-12B-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 111, Section 1) is amended to read:

"10-12B-1. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 10, Article 12B NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Judicial Retirement Act"."

SECTION 2. Section 10-12B-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 111, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-12B-3. JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND ESTABLISHED--
ADMINISTRATION OF FUND--ACCOUNTING FUNDS.--

A. There is established in the state treasury the "judicial retirement fund". The fund is comprised of money received from employer and employee contributions and any investment earnings on contributions. The board is the trustee of the fund and shall administer and invest the fund. Investment of the fund shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Public Employees Retirement Act. The provisions of the Judicial Retirement Act shall be

administered by the board. The board is authorized to promulgate rules. Expenses related to the investment of the fund and administration of the Judicial Retirement Act shall be paid from the fund.

B. For purposes of this section, the accounting funds shall be known as the "member contribution fund", "employer's accumulation fund", "retirement reserve fund" and "income fund". The maintenance of separate accounting funds shall not require the actual segregation of the assets of the fund.

C. The accounting funds provided for in this section are trust funds and shall be used only for the purposes provided for in the Judicial Retirement Act.

D. The member contribution fund is the accounting fund in which shall be accumulated contributions of members and from which shall be made refunds and transfers of accumulated member contributions as provided in the Judicial Retirement Act. The member's court shall cause member contributions to be deducted from the salary of the member and shall remit the deducted member contributions to the association in accordance with procedures and schedules established by the association. The association may assess an interest charge and a penalty charge on any late remittance. Each member shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided for in this section.

Contributions by members shall be credited to the members' individual accounts in the member contribution fund. A member's accumulated member contributions shall be transferred to the retirement reserve fund when a pension becomes payable.

E. The employer's accumulation fund is the accounting fund in which shall be accumulated the contributions paid by the state through the member's court. The state, through the member's court, shall remit its contributions to the association in accordance with procedures and schedules established by the association. The board may assess an interest charge and a penalty charge on any late remittance.

F. The retirement reserve fund is the accounting fund from which shall be paid all pensions to retired members and survivor beneficiaries and all residual refunds to refund beneficiaries of retired members and survivor beneficiaries.

G. Each year, following receipt of the report of the annual actuarial valuation, the excess, if any, of the reported actuarial present value of pensions being paid and likely to be paid to retired members and survivor beneficiaries and residual refunds likely to be paid to refund beneficiaries of retired members and survivor beneficiaries over the balance in the retirement reserve fund shall be transferred to the retirement reserve fund from the employer's accumulation fund.

H. The income fund is the accounting fund to which shall be credited all interest, dividends, rents and other income from investments of the fund, all gifts and bequests, all unclaimed member contributions and all other money the disposition of which is not specifically provided for in the Judicial Retirement Act. Expenses related to the administration of the Judicial Retirement Act shall be paid for from the income fund.

I. The association shall at least annually distribute all or a portion of the balance in the income fund to the member contribution fund, the retirement reserve fund and the employer's accumulation fund. Distribution rates shall be determined by the board and may vary for the respective accounting funds."

SECTION 3. Section 10-12B-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 111, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-12B-11. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.--The member's court shall contribute the following amounts to the fund:

A. from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, twenty-seven and nine-hundredths percent of salary for each member in office;

B. from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, twenty-eight and eighty-four hundredths percent of salary for each member in office; and

C. on or after July 1, 2013, thirty and thirty-

four hundredths percent of salary for each member in office."

SECTION 4. Section 10-12C-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 118, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"10-12C-11. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS.--The state, through the administrative office of the courts, shall contribute the following amounts to the fund:

A. from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, twenty-one and ninety-two hundredths percent of salary for each member in office;

B. from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, twenty-three and sixty-seven hundredths percent of salary for each member in office; and

C. on or after July 1, 2013, twenty-five and seventeen-hundredths percent of salary for each member in office."

SECTION 5. Section 35-6-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 62, Section 92, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-6-1. MAGISTRATE COSTS--SCHEDULE--DEFINITION OF "CONVICTED".--

A. Magistrate judges, including metropolitan court judges, shall assess and collect and shall not waive, defer or suspend the following costs:

docket fee, criminal actions under Section 29-5-1 NMSA
1978 \$ 1.00;

docket fee, to be collected prior to docketing any other

criminal action, except as provided in Subsection B
of Section 35-6-3 NMSA 1978 20.00.

Proceeds from this docket fee shall be transferred
to the administrative office of the courts for
deposit in the court facilities fund;

docket fee, twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be
deposited in the court automation fund, fifteen
dollars (\$15.00) of which shall be deposited in the
civil legal services fund and twenty-five dollars
(\$25.00) of which shall be deposited in the general
fund, to be collected prior to docketing any civil
action, except as provided in Subsection A of
Section 35-6-3 NMSA 1978 72.00;

jury fee, ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be
deposited in the general fund, to be collected from
the party demanding trial by jury in any civil
action at the time the demand is filed or made
. 25.00;

copying fee, for making and certifying copies of any
records in the court, for each page copied by
photographic process50.

Proceeds from this copying fee shall be transferred
to the administrative office of the courts for
deposit in the court facilities fund; and

copying fee, for computer-generated or electronically

transferred copies, per page 1.00.

Proceeds from this copying fee shall be transferred to the administrative office of the courts for deposit in the court automation fund.

Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, docket fees shall be paid into the court facilities fund.

B. Except as otherwise provided by law, no other costs or fees shall be charged or collected in the magistrate or metropolitan court.

C. The magistrate or metropolitan court may grant free process to any party in any civil proceeding or special statutory proceeding upon a proper showing of indigency. The magistrate or metropolitan court may deny free process if it finds that the complaint on its face does not state a cause of action.

D. As used in this subsection, "convicted" means the defendant has been found guilty of a criminal charge by the magistrate or metropolitan judge, either after trial, a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere. Magistrate judges, including metropolitan court judges, shall assess and collect and shall not waive, defer or suspend the following costs:

(1) corrections fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code involving the operation of a motor vehicle, convicted of a crime constituting a misdemeanor or a

petty misdemeanor or convicted of violating any ordinance that may be enforced by the imposition of a term of imprisonment as follows:

in a county with a metropolitan court \$10.00;

in a county without a metropolitan court 20.00;

(2) court automation fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code involving the operation of a motor vehicle, convicted of a crime constituting a misdemeanor or a petty misdemeanor or convicted of violating any ordinance that may be enforced by the imposition of a term of imprisonment 10.00;

(3) traffic safety fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code involving the operation of a motor vehicle 3.00;

(4) judicial education fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of operating a motor vehicle in violation of the Motor Vehicle Code, convicted of a crime constituting a misdemeanor or a petty misdemeanor or convicted of violating any ordinance punishable by a term of imprisonment 3.00;

(5) jury and witness fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of operating a motor vehicle in violation of the Motor Vehicle Code, convicted of a crime

constituting a misdemeanor or a petty misdemeanor or convicted of violating any ordinance punishable by a term of imprisonment 5.00;

(6) brain injury services fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code involving the operation of a motor vehicle 5.00;
and

(7) court facilities fee, to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of violating any provision of the Motor Vehicle Code involving the operation of a motor vehicle, convicted of a crime constituting a misdemeanor or a petty misdemeanor or convicted of violating any ordinance that may be enforced by the imposition of a term of imprisonment as follows:

in a county with a metropolitan court 24.00;
in any other county 10.00.

E. Metropolitan court judges shall assess and collect and shall not waive, defer or suspend as costs a mediation fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) for the docketing of small claims and criminal actions specified by metropolitan court rule. Proceeds of the mediation fee shall be deposited into the metropolitan court mediation fund."

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION.--Three million fifty-one thousand dollars (\$3,051,000) is appropriated from the general
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fund to the department of finance and administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2012 for distribution to the supreme court, court of appeals, district courts, Bernalillo county metropolitan court and the administrative office of the courts to pay the increased employer contributions. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012 shall not revert to the general fund.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2011. _____