

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE
FIRST, SECOND, FIFTH AND THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS;
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATE IN THE DONA ANA DISTRICT.

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 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 district judges in the second judicial
district."

SECTION 3. Section 34-6-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-8. JUDGES--FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall
be eleven district judges in the fifth judicial district."

SECTION 4. Section 34-6-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
Chapter 52, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-16. JUDGES--THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There
shall be eight district judges in the thirteenth judicial
district. The judges of divisions one, three and six shall
reside and maintain their principal offices in Valencia

county. The judges of divisions two, five, seven and eight shall reside and maintain their principal offices in Sandoval county. The judge of division four shall reside and maintain the judge's principal offices in Cibola county."

SECTION 5. Section 35-1-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 62, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-1-10. MAGISTRATE COURT--DONA ANA DISTRICT.--There shall be seven magistrates in Dona Ana magistrate district. Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall operate as a single court in Las Cruces and shall rotate riding circuit to Anthony and Hatch on a regularly scheduled basis."

SECTION 6. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DISTRICT AND METROPOLITAN JUDGES--APPOINTMENTS.--The additional district judgeships provided for in this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the constitution of New Mexico.

SECTION 7. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MAGISTRATE--APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION.--The office of magistrate in Dona Ana district, division 7, shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The appointed magistrate shall begin serving on July 1, 2014 and shall serve until succeeded by a magistrate elected at the general election in 2014. The first full term of office of the elected magistrate shall begin on January 1, 2015. _____