

LFC Requester:

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## AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

### SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 1/20/2026

*Check all that apply:*

**Bill Number:** HB 95

Original X

Correction       

Amendment       

Substitute       

**Sponsor:** Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil

**Agency Name and** 305 – New Mexico

**Code Number:** Department of Justice

**Short**

**Person Writing**

**Title:**

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Additional Second Judicial  
District Judgeship

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### SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

#### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

#### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: HB 95 proposes to add a thirty-first judgeship to the Second Judicial District.

Section 1 of the bill amends the number of judges in the Second Judicial District from “thirty” to “thirty-one” in NMSA 1978, Section 34-6-5.

Section 2 of the bill appropriates \$451,400 from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to cover costs of the new judgeship, including salaries and benefits for the judge and staff, furniture, equipment, and supplies. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for this agency.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A