

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 95Original Correction Sponsor: Rep. Dayan Hochman-VigilAgency Name and
Code Number: 305 – New Mexico
Department of JusticeShort
Title: Additional Second Judicial
District JudgeshipPerson Writing
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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)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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