

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 35

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE FIRST
AND SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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
~~[ten]~~ eleven 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 ~~[thirty]~~ thirty-one district judges in the second judicial
district."

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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