

1 SENATE BILL

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN THE  
12 FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 34-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
16 Chapter 69, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "34-6-4. JUDGES--FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be  
18 [ten] eleven district judges in the first judicial district."

19 **SECTION 2.** APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred fifty-one  
20 thousand four hundred dollars (\$451,400) is appropriated from  
21 the general fund to the administrative office of the courts for  
22 expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to pay the costs associated  
23 with a new judgeship in the first judicial district, including  
24 salaries and benefits for the judge and staff, furniture,  
25 equipment and supplies. Any unexpended balance remaining at

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1 the end of fiscal year 2027 shall revert to the general fund.

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