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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN THE DONA ANA MAGISTRATE COURT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. 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 [~~three~~] four magistrates in Dona Ana magistrate district. Divisions 1, 2, [~~and 3 operating~~] 3 and 4 shall operate as a single court in Las Cruces [~~The magistrates~~] and shall rotate riding circuit to Anthony and Hatch on a regularly scheduled basis."

Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--MAGISTRATE COURT--APPOINTMENT--ELECTION.--The additional magistrate judgeship in the Dona Ana magistrate district provided for in this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The appointed

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1 magistrate shall begin serving on July 1, 1999 and shall serve
2 until succeeded by a magistrate elected at the general
3 election in 2000. The elected magistrate's term of office
4 shall begin on January 1, 2001.

5 Section 3. APPROPRIATION.--

6 A. Eighty-one thousand five hundred dollars
7 (\$81,500) is appropriated from the general fund to the
8 administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal
9 year 2000 to provide salaries and benefits and furniture,
10 supplies and office equipment for an additional judgeship and
11 support staff in the Dona Ana magistrate district.

12 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
13 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert to the
14 general fund.

15 Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
16 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
17 immediately.