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SENATE BILL 35

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

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AN ACT

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

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. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred fifty-one
thousand four hundred dollars (\$451,400) is appropriated from
the general fund to the administrative office of the courts for
expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to pay the costs associated
with a new judgeship in the first judicial district, including
salaries and benefits for the judge and staff, furniture,
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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