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#### SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

# 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2000

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#### A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO STUDY
THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL MAGISTRATE
DIVISION IN RIO ARRIBA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, there are currently two magistrates located in Rio Arriba magistrate district; and

WHEREAS, the two magistrates in Rio Arriba county operate divisions 1 and 2 as a single district court in Espanola; and

WHEREAS, the two Rio Arriba county magistrates rotate a riding circuit to Chama; and

WHEREAS, the magistrate case load in Rio Arriba county has undergone a substantial increase; and

WHEREAS, the increased magistrate case load has made it difficult for the two magistrates to provide regular services to the northern segment of Rio Arriba county; and

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WHEREAS, as a result of the increased case load there is a need for an additional magistrate district, division 3, operating as a single court to be located in Chama to service the northern portion of Rio Arriba county on a permanent basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the administrative office of the courts conduct a study of the costs associated with providing an additional magistrate division operating as a single court in Chama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of the administrative office of the courts report to the appropriate interim committee by October 2000 about the results of the study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the administrative office of the courts and the chairman of the appropriate legislative interim committee.

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