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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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FOR THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE  
JUDICIAL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, until the 2001 interim, the legislature had not  
studied the judiciary as an administrative system for over  
thirty years; and

WHEREAS, this lack of concentrated review has led to a  
piecemeal approach to systemic problems, and each year  
numerous, often conflicting, bills are introduced into the  
legislature to address singular parts of the system; and

WHEREAS, when the judicial system study committee was  
created by the New Mexico legislative council in June 2001,  
the committee recognized that a thorough judicial system study  
would take more than one interim; and

WHEREAS, the committee used the limited time available to  
it to gather basic information about the judicial system,  
knowing that further investigation is needed before it can  
recommend major systemic changes; and

WHEREAS, one critical area of study for the committee

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1 next interim is the judicial retirement systems and their  
2 funding sources and actuarial soundness;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
5 requested to continue the judicial system study committee  
6 during the 2002 interim; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the New Mexico legislative council.

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