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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: SJC DATE TYPED: 3/18/03 HB _____
 Additional Judgeships in the Thirteenth Judicial
 SHORT TITLE: District SB CS/917/aSF #1/aHAFC
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriation and Finance Committee Amendment strikes the language which refers to the creation of two additional judgeships, thus resulting in the creation of only one judgeship for the thirteenth judicial district in Valencia County.

Synopsis of SF Amendment #1

The Senate Floor Amendment strikes the appropriation contained in the bill.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 917 amends Section 34-6-16 NMSA 1978 to provide for additional judgeships for the thirteenth judicial district for Valencia and Sandoval Counties. The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

Significant Issues

An appropriation in the amount of \$275.0 has been included in the Senate Finance Committee

Amendments to House Appropriations and Finance Committee Substitute for House Bills 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 for a judgeship in the thirteenth judicial district. The appropriation of \$275.0 would provide funding for a district judge, trial court administrator, bailiff, court reporter and other operating costs (please see attachment). This appropriation is contingent on the passage of the Senate Judiciary Substitute for Senate Bill 917.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$586,580 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund. The appropriation includes funding for salaries and benefits, furniture, supplies and equipment for two additional judges and support staff.

DUPLICATION

This bill duplicates an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act for a judgeship in the thirteenth judicial district.

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