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HOUSE BILL 473

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN THE  
SANTA FE MAGISTRATE COURT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 35-1-29 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
Chapter 62, Section 31, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-1-29. MAGISTRATE COURT--SANTA FE DISTRICT.--There  
shall be [~~three~~] four magistrates in Santa Fe magistrate  
district, divisions 1, 2, [~~and~~] 3 and 4 operating as a single  
court in Santa Fe; however, one magistrate shall ride circuit  
to Pojoaque on a regularly scheduled basis. "

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

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1 governor. The appointed magistrate shall begin serving on July  
2 1, 2005 and shall serve until succeeded by a magistrate elected  
3 at the general election in 2006. The elected magistrate's term  
4 of office shall begin on January 1, 2006 and shall end on  
5 December 31, 2007.

6 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. -- One hundred six thousand two  
7 hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$106,269) is appropriated from the  
8 general fund to the administrative office of the courts for  
9 expenditure in fiscal year 2006 for salary and benefits and  
10 furniture, equipment and supplies for one additional magistrate  
11 judge in the Santa Fe magistrate district. Any unexpended or  
12 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006  
13 shall revert to the general fund.

14 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the  
15 provisions of this act is July 1, 2005.