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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS TO STUDY THE
APPROPRIATENESS OF ESTABLISHING A DONA ANA COUNTY METROPOLITAN
COURT.

WHEREAS, in 1979, metropolitan court legislation was
passed for a class A county with a population of more than two
hundred thousand persons; and

WHEREAS, this legislation only affects Bernalillo county;
and

WHEREAS, there is support for a Dona Ana county
metropolitan court from the city of Las Cruces, the third
judicial district court judges, the Dona Ana county sheriff and
New Mexico state university; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico supreme court and the
administrative office of the courts are willing to consider the

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1 establishment of a Dona Ana county metropolitan court; and

2 WHEREAS, the creation of a Dona Ana county metropolitan
3 court would replace the current municipal and magistrate court
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, there would be more effective and professional
6 oversight of a Dona Ana county metropolitan court by the
7 administrative office of the courts; and

8 WHEREAS, the city of Las Cruces supports a study by the
9 administrative office of the courts on the appropriateness of
10 creating a Dona Ana county metropolitan court;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the administrative office of the
13 courts be requested to study the appropriateness of
14 establishing a Dona Ana county metropolitan court; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administrative office of
16 the courts report its findings to the corrections oversight,
17 courts and justice committee no later than November 30, 2005;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the director of the administrative office of the
21 courts and the chairperson of the corrections oversight, courts
22 and justice committee.