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HOUSE BILL 186

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

INTRODUCED BY

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ENDORSED BY THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS IN THE
SECOND AND THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; CREATING AN
ADDITIONAL BERNALILLO COUNTY METROPOLITAN COURT JUDGESHIP;
MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-6-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-5. JUDGES--SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall
be [~~twenty-six~~] twenty-seven district judges in the second
judicial district."

SECTION 2. Section 34-6-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
Chapter 52, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-16. JUDGES--THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There
shall be [~~seven~~] eight district judges in the thirteenth

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1 judicial district. The judges of divisions one, three and six
2 shall reside and maintain their principal offices in Valencia
3 county. The judges of divisions two, five, [~~and~~] seven and
4 eight shall reside and maintain their principal offices in
5 Sandoval county. The judge of division four shall reside and
6 maintain the judge's principal offices in Cibola county."

7 SECTION 3. Section 34-8A-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
8 Chapter 346, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "34-8A-8. METROPOLITAN COURT--BERNALILLO DISTRICT.--

10 A. The name of the metropolitan court in the
11 Bernalillo metropolitan district shall be the "Bernalillo
12 county metropolitan court".

13 B. The metropolitan court is an agency of the
14 judicial department of state government. Personnel of the
15 metropolitan court are subject to all laws and regulations
16 applicable to state officers and agencies and state officers
17 and employees, except where otherwise specifically provided by
18 law.

19 C. There shall be [~~nineteen~~] twenty judges of the
20 Bernalillo county metropolitan court."

21 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--APPOINTMENTS.--The
22 additional district and metropolitan judgeships provided for in
23 this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor
24 pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the constitution of
25 New Mexico.

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1 **SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS.--**

2 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
3 general fund to the following agencies for expenditure in
4 fiscal year 2013 for the following purposes:

5 (1) two hundred twenty-nine thousand five
6 hundred ninety-four dollars (\$229,594) to the second judicial
7 district for salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and
8 equipment for an additional district judge and support staff;
9 and

10 (2) two hundred twenty-nine thousand five
11 hundred ninety-four dollars (\$229,594) to the thirteenth
12 judicial district for salaries and benefits and furniture,
13 supplies and equipment for an additional district judge and
14 support staff.

15 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
16 at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general
17 fund.

18 **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.--**The effective date of the
19 provisions of this act is January 1, 2013.