

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-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 eight district judges in the thirteenth judicial district. The judges of divisions one, three and six shall reside and maintain their principal offices in Valencia county. The judges of divisions two, five, seven and eight shall reside and maintain their principal offices in Sandoval county. The judge of division four shall reside and maintain the judge's principal offices in Cibola county."

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

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

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

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

C. There shall be twenty judges of the Bernalillo county metropolitan court."

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

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS.--

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

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

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

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

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