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SENATE BILL 353

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DISTRICT COURTS; CREATING AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP  
IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-6-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
Chapter 69, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-6. JUDGES--THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be  
[~~eight~~] nine district judges in the third judicial district."

SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--APPOINTMENT.--The  
additional district judgeship in the third judicial district  
shall be filled by appointment by the governor pursuant to the  
provisions of Article 6 of the constitution of New Mexico.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thirty-six  
thousand five hundred dollars (\$436,500) is appropriated from  
the general fund to the third judicial district court for

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1 expenditure in fiscal year 2016 to pay the costs associated  
2 with a new judgeship, including salaries and benefits for the  
3 judge and staff, furniture, equipment and supplies. Any  
4 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
5 fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

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