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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDGES; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Section 1. Section 34-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968, Chapter 69, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-4. JUDGES--FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be [six] seven district judges in the first judicial district."

Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--APPOINTMENT--ELECTION.-The governor shall appoint one additional district judge to
serve in the first judicial district beginning July 1, 1997.
Thereafter, the office shall be filled by persons elected to
that office. The first election to the office shall be held at
the general election in 1998.

Section 3. APPROPRIATION. -- Two hundred ninety-seven thousand five hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$297,577) is appropriated from the general fund to the administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 to pay the cost of adding an additional judgeship in the first judicial district, including salary and benefits, training and office equipment, furnishings and supplies. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

Section 4. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

- 1. On page 1, line 11, after "JUDGE" insert "AND STAFF".
- 2. On page 2, line 3, after second "the" delete 'administrative office of the courts" and insert in lieu thereof 'first judicial district".
 - 3. On page 2, line 5, after "judgeship" add "and staff".,

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