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SENATE BILL 477

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

INTRODUCED BY

BEN D. ALTAMIRANO

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND METROPOLITAN COURT JUDGES; PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND EXPANSION FUNDING FOR COURTS, JUDICIAL AGENCIES AND JUDICIAL PURPOSES; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

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. 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-one~~] twenty-three district judges in the second judicial district."

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

3           "34-8A-8.   METROPOLITAN COURT--BERNALILLO DISTRICT.--

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

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

12           C.   There shall be [~~fifteen~~] eighteen judges of the  
13 Bernalillo county metropolitan court. "

14           Section 4.   APPROPRIATIONS.--

15           A.   The amounts specified in Subsections B through S  
16 of this section are appropriated from the general fund to the  
17 following courts or judicial agencies for expenditure in fiscal  
18 year 1998 to supplement the fiscal year 1998 base budget or to  
19 expand the base budget for a specified purpose.  Any unexpended  
20 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998  
21 shall revert to the general fund.

22           B.   The following is appropriated to the  
23 administrative office of the courts:

24                   (1)   two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars  
25 (\$225,000) for supplemental funding;

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1                   (2) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for  
2 supplemental funding of the statewide court automation project;

3                   (3) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for  
4 a judicial performance evaluation project;

5                   (4) one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for  
6 supplemental funding of the court-appointed attorney fees fund;

7                   (5) five hundred sixty-three thousand dollars  
8 (\$563,000) for supplemental funding of the jury and witness fee  
9 fund; and

10                  (6) one million four hundred sixty-eight  
11 thousand dollars (\$1,468,000) for supplemental funding of the  
12 magistrate courts.

13                  C. Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) is  
14 appropriated to the supreme court for supplemental funding.

15                  D. Ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) is  
16 appropriated to the court of appeals for supplemental funding.

17                  E. Two hundred three thousand dollars (\$203,000) is  
18 appropriated to the supreme court law library for supplemental  
19 funding.

20                  F. Sixty-four thousand dollars (\$64,000) is  
21 appropriated to the supreme court building commission for  
22 supplemental funding.

23                  G. The following is appropriated to the first  
24 judicial district:

25                   (1) one hundred forty-three thousand dollars

1 (\$143,000) for supplemental funding;

2 (2) fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for  
3 treatment funds for the drug court; and

4 (3) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)  
5 for salaries and benefits, furniture, equipment and supplies for  
6 one additional judge and his staff.

7 H. The following is appropriated to the second  
8 judicial district:

9 (1) eight hundred eighty thousand dollars  
10 (\$880,000) for supplemental funding;

11 (2) one million two hundred thousand dollars  
12 (\$1,200,000) to expand the drug court, including salaries and  
13 benefits, furniture, equipment and supplies for one additional  
14 judge for the drug court and his staff; and

15 (3) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)  
16 for salaries and benefits, furniture, equipment and supplies for  
17 one additional second judicial district judge and his staff.

18 I. Two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000) is  
19 appropriated to the third judicial district for supplemental  
20 funding.

21 J. Four hundred forty-seven thousand dollars  
22 (\$447,000) is appropriated to the fifth judicial district for  
23 supplemental funding.

24 K. Forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000) is  
25 appropriated to the sixth judicial district for supplemental

1 funding.

2 L. Forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000) is  
3 appropriated to the seventh judicial district for supplemental  
4 funding.

5 M. One hundred twelve thousand dollars (\$112,000) is  
6 appropriated to the eighth judicial district for supplemental  
7 funding.

8 N. Fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) is  
9 appropriated to the ninth judicial district for supplemental  
10 funding.

11 O. Fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$59,000) is  
12 appropriated to the tenth judicial district for supplemental  
13 funding.

14 P. Ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000) is  
15 appropriated to the eleventh judicial district for supplemental  
16 funding.

17 Q. One hundred thirteen thousand dollars (\$113,000)  
18 is appropriated to the twelfth judicial district for  
19 supplemental funding.

20 R. One hundred sixteen thousand dollars (\$116,000)  
21 is appropriated to the thirteenth judicial district for  
22 supplemental funding.

23 S. The following is appropriated to the Bernalillo  
24 county metropolitan court:

25 (1) eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000)

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1 for supplemental funding; and  
2 (2) one million four hundred thousand dollars  
3 (\$1,400,000) for salaries and benefits, furniture, equipment and  
4 supplies for three additional judges and their staff.

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8 Mr. President:  
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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
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19 Respectfully submitted,  
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24 Fernando R. Macias, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against  
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SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT number \_\_\_\_\_ to SENATE BILL 477

Amendment sponsored by Senator Ben D. Altamirano

1. On page 1, line 11, after the semicolon strike the remainder of the line and strike line 12 through the semicolon.

2. On page 1, strike lines 17 through 25, strike all of pages 2 through 6 and insert in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. The following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the administrative office of the courts for expenditure in fiscal year 1998 for the following purposes:

(1) one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) for supplemental funding; and

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(2) four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for  
supplemental funding of the magistrate courts.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund."

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