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HOUSE BILL 547

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE
IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND
ELECTION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. Section 34-6-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 69, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-9. JUDGES- -SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. -- There shall
be [~~two~~] three district judges in the sixth judicial district.
The judge of division 1 shall reside and maintain his
principal office in Grant county."

Section 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION- - APPOINTMENT- - ELECTION. --

A. The governor shall appoint one additional
district judge to serve in the sixth judicial district. The
appointed district judge shall begin serving on July 1, 1999

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1 and shall serve until succeeded by a district judge elected
2 pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B of this section.

3 B. The first full term of the office of district
4 judge shall be filled by election at the general election in
5 2000, and that term shall begin on January 1, 2001.

6 Section 3. APPROPRIATION. --Two hundred sixty-four
7 thousand dollars (\$264,000) is appropriated from the general
8 fund to the administrative office of the courts for
9 expenditure in fiscal year 2000 for the purpose of providing
10 salaries, benefits, travel, furniture, supplies and office
11 costs for one new district judge and support staff in the
12 sixth judicial district. Any unexpended or unencumbered
13 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2000 shall revert
14 to the general fund.

15 Section 4 EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

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