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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING THE JUDGE PRO TEMPORE FUND TO PAY  
THE COSTS OF JUDGES PRO TEMPORE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] JUDGE PRO TEMPORE FUND--**

CREATED.--There is created in the state treasury the "judge pro  
tempore fund" to be administered by the administrative office  
of the courts. The fund shall be used to pay the costs of  
judges pro tempore. The fund shall consist of appropriations,  
gifts, grants, donations and bequests made to the fund. Income  
from the fund shall be credited to the fund, and money in the  
fund shall not revert or be transferred to any other fund at  
the end of a fiscal year. Payments from the judge pro tempore  
fund shall be made upon vouchers issued and signed by the

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1 director of the administrative office of the courts or the  
2 director's designee upon warrants drawn by the secretary of  
3 finance and administration.

4 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
5 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.