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

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AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 34-6-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,  
Chapter 69, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-6-8. JUDGES--FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.--There shall be  
[eleven] twelve district judges in the fifth judicial  
district."

SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--DISTRICT JUDGE--  
APPOINTMENT.--The additional district judgeship provided for in  
this act shall be filled by appointment by the governor  
pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the constitution of  
New Mexico.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred fifty-six

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1 thousand four hundred dollars (\$356,400) is appropriated from  
2 the general fund to the fifth judicial district court for  
3 salaries and benefits and furniture, supplies and equipment for  
4 one additional district judge and support staff. Any  
5 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of  
6 fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.

7 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
8 provisions of this act is July 1, 2016.

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