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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2014 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date January 22, 2014
Bill No: HB141-305 Jan 23

Sponsor: Rep. Henry "Kiki" Saavedra **Reviewing** Attorney General's Office
Short Additional Judgeships **Person Writing** Rick Word, AAG
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT **FOR LFC OFFICIAL PURPOSES******
AGO STAFF SHOULD LEAVE SHADED AREAS BLANK

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15	FY16		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates, Relates to, Conflicts with, Companion to

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

This analysis is neither a formal Attorney General’s Opinion nor an Attorney General’s Advisory Opinion Letter. This is a staff analysis in response to the agency’s, committee’s or legislator’s request.

BILL SUMMARY

Summary Synopsis: House Bill 141 (HB 141) would create four new District Judge positions and one new Magistrate position as follows: one new District Judge in the First Judicial District; one new District Judge in the Second Judicial District; one new District Judge in the Fifth Judicial District; one new District Judge in the Thirteenth Judicial District; and one new Magistrate in the Dona Ana Magistrate District. HB 141 provides that the newly created judgeships and magistrate position would be filled by appointment of the Governor, with the district judge positions to be filled in accordance with Article 6 of the New Mexico Constitution, and the appointed magistrate’s position to be filled by a magistrate elected in the 2014 general election. The Bill makes specific appropriations for each position and provides that any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015 from those appropriations revert back to the general fund.

The effective date of the Bill is July 1, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS WITH ENACTING THIS BILL

None noted for this Agency.

SIGNIFICANT LEGAL ISSUES

None noted.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS WITH ENACTING THIS BILL

None noted for this Agency.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS WITH ENACTING THIS BILL

None noted for this Agency.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP WITH BILLS INTRODUCED THIS SESSION

None noted.

TECHNICAL ISSUES OR DRAFTING ERROR

None noted.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE LEGAL ISSUES

None noted.

ALTERNATIVES TO ENACTING THIS BILL

None noted.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THIS BILL

None noted.