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H. R. 272

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal district judges, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ (for himself, Mr. ORTIZ, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. REYES,
Mr. FILNER, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. PASTOR) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for the appointment of additional Federal district
judges, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SOUTHWEST BORDER JUDGESHIPS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Southwest Border Judgeship Act of 2001”.

6 (b) **DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT**
7 **COURTS.**—

8 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall appoint,
9 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

1 (A) 5 additional district judges for the
2 southern district of California;

3 (B) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
4 trict of New Mexico;

5 (C) 1 additional district judge for the
6 southern district of Texas; and

7 (D) 2 additional district judges for the
8 western district of Texas.

9 (2) TABLES.—In order that the table contained
10 in section 133 of title 28, United States Code, will,
11 with respect to each judicial district, reflect the
12 changes in the total number of permanent district
13 judgeships authorized as a result of paragraph (1)
14 of this subsection, such table is amended—

15 (A) by striking the item relating to Cali-
16 fornia and inserting the following:

“California:	
Northern	14
Eastern	6
Central	27
Southern	13”;

17 (B) by striking the item relating to New
18 Mexico and inserting the following:

“New Mexico	7”;
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19 and

20 (C) by striking the item relating to Texas
21 and inserting the following:

“Texas:	
Northern	12

Southern	20
Eastern	7
Western	13".

1 (c) TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.—The President shall
 2 appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the
 3 Senate—

4 (1) 4 additional district judges for the district
 5 of Arizona;

6 (2) 3 additional district judges for the southern
 7 district of California;

8 (3) 1 additional district judge for the district of
 9 New Mexico; and

10 (4) 1 additional district judge for the western
 11 district of Texas.

12 For the district of Arizona, the first 4 vacancies arising
 13 on the district court 7 years or more after judges are first
 14 confirmed to fill all 4 temporary district judgeships cre-
 15 ated in that district by this subsection shall not be filled.

16 For the southern district of California, the first 3 vacan-
 17 cies arising on the district court 7 years or more after
 18 judges are first confirmed to fill all 3 temporary district
 19 judgeships created in that district by this subsection shall
 20 not be filled. For each of the other judicial districts named
 21 in this subsection, the first vacancy arising on the district
 22 court 7 years or more after a judge is first confirmed to
 23 fill the temporary district judgeship created in that district
 24 by this subsection shall not be filled.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
3 necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including
4 such sums as may be necessary to provide appropriate
5 space and facilities for the judicial positions created by
6 this Act.

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