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H. R. 2365

To provide for additional Federal district judgeships.

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Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. REYES, Mr. SIREs, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, and Mr. STARK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for additional Federal district judgeships.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southwest Border
5 Judgeship Expansion Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGESHIPS.**

7 (a) **ADDITIONAL PERMANENT DISTRICT JUDGE-**
8 **SHIP.**—The President shall appoint, by and with the ad-
9 vice and consent of the Senate—

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

3 (2) 4 additional district judges for the northern
4 district of California;

5 (3) 6 additional district judges for the eastern
6 district of California;

7 (4) 8 additional district judges for the central
8 district of California;

9 (5) 2 additional district judges for the southern
10 district of California;

11 (6) 1 additional district judge for the district of
12 New Mexico;

13 (7) 4 additional district judges for the southern
14 district of Texas;

15 (8) 1 additional district judge for the eastern
16 district of Texas; and

17 (9) 4 additional district judges for the western
18 district of Texas.

19 (b) TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.—

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

22 (A) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
23 trict of Arizona;

24 (B) 1 additional district judge for the
25 northern district of California;

1 (C) 1 additional district judge for the east-
2 ern district of California;

3 (D) 1 additional district judge for the cen-
4 tral district of California;

5 (E) 1 additional district judge for the
6 southern district of California;

7 (F) 1 additional district judge for the dis-
8 trict of New Mexico; and

9 (G) 1 additional district judge for the
10 western district of Texas.

11 (2) VACANCIES NOT FILLED.—For each of the
12 judicial districts named in this subsection, the first
13 vacancy arising on the district court 10 years or
14 more after a judge is first confirmed to fill the tem-
15 porary district judgeship created in that district by
16 this subsection shall not be filled.

17 (c) CONVERSION OF TEMPORARY JUDGESHIPS.—The
18 existing judgeships for the district of Arizona, the central
19 district of California, the district of New Mexico, and the
20 eastern district of Texas authorized by section 312(c) of
21 the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations
22 Authorization Act (28 U.S.C. 133 note; Public Law 107–
23 273; 116 Stat. 1788), as of the effective date of this Act,
24 shall be authorized under section 133 of title 28, United
25 States Code, and the incumbents in those offices shall hold

1 the office under section 133 of title 28, United States
2 Code, as amended by this Act.

3 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 The table contained in section 133(a) of title 28, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking the item relating to the district
7 of Arizona and inserting the following:

“Arizona 17”;

8 (2) by striking the item relating to California
9 and inserting the following:

“California:
Northern 18
Eastern 12
Central 36
Southern 15”;

10 (3) by striking the item relating to the district
11 of New Mexico and inserting the following:

“New Mexico 8”;

12 and

13 (4) by striking the item relating to Texas and
14 inserting the following:

“Texas:
Northern 12
Southern 23
Eastern 9
Western 17”.

