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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION FOR MUNICIPAL COURTS FOR ISSUING BENCH WARRANTS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

SECTION 1. Section 35-15-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1884, Chapter 39, Section 21, as amended) is amended to read:

"35-15-4. SERVICE OF PROCESS.--

A. In the county in which the municipality whose ordinances are alleged to have been violated is located, a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction in that county may serve any municipal court process or make any arrests authorized by law to be made.

B. In counties adjacent to the county in which the municipality whose ordinances are alleged to have been violated is located, a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction in that county may serve any municipal court process or make any arrests authorized by law to be made, except for any service or arrest emanating from parking violations alleged to have occurred in a municipality located in another county."

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2017. _____