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Governor Bill Richardson Extends Time for Candidates to Apply For McKinley County Magistrate Judgeship

Deadline is March 31, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson announced today that he will extend the deadline for interested citizens to apply for the McKinley County Magistrate Court Judge position until 5 pm on Friday, March 31. Governor Richardson will appoint a judge to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Rhoda Hunt.

Each interested candidate must send their application, a signed background check form, resume and letters of recommendation, unless already provided, to Governor Bill Richardson, Attention Legal Division, State Capitol Building, Suite 400, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. The package must be received in the Governor's Office by March 31, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Materials may be sent via email to marcia.maestas@state.nm.us, U.S. Mail or by hand delivery.

The application and background check form may be obtained from the Legal Division at 476-2200 or on the Governor's website at www.governor.state.nm.us under the link "Governors Appointments".

The Governor was not able to conduct interviews during the legislative session, and therefore, to be fair to the community, he has extended the time for candidates to submit additional materials and to give those who may not have applied an additional opportunity to be considered.