

## **Judicial Branch Surcharges; Tribal Court Judgments; Bonding Requirements for Cruelty to Animals; SB 20**

**SB 20** extends judicial branch surcharges on various docket fees, creates law concerning tribal court judgments, and amends provisions regarding bonding in the statute governing the crime of cruelty to animals.

### ***Judicial Branch Surcharges***

The bill extends the judicial branch surcharge the Legislature reauthorized in 2017 HB 2041 to fund non-judicial personnel for six years, through June 30, 2025; the former sunset date was June 30, 2019.

### ***Tribal Court Judgments***

The bill creates law providing that district courts shall extend full faith and credit to orders, judgments, and other judicial acts of tribal courts of any federally recognized Indian tribe, pursuant to Kansas Supreme Court rules. Such recognition is extended only to judgments of those tribal courts that grant full faith and credit to judgments of Kansas state courts. The bill specifies any person who files a tribal court judgment is required to pay a docket fee as prescribed by continuing law in the Kansas Code of Civil Procedure, and any additional fees or charges not specifically covered by such docket fee are assessed as additional court costs in the same manner and extent as if the action had been originally filed in the court where the tribal court judgment is filed. The bill also states nothing in this section is construed to be a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of Kansas or of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

### ***Bonding Requirements for Cruelty to Animals***

The bill amends provisions regarding bonding in the statute governing the crime of cruelty to animals. Specifically, the bill provides the bond required to be filed in the county where the animal was taken into custody, rather than in the county where the animal is being held. The bill also adds a requirement that the bond be maintained and renewed every 30 days as necessary to cover the cost of care and treatment of the animal until disposition of the animal by the court and a provision that any costs collected by the court or through the bond be transferred to the entity responsible for paying the cost of care, treatment, or boarding of the animal. The bill reorganizes continuing provisions to clarify the timing and applicability of the bonding requirement.