

SENATE BILL No. 423

By Committee on Judiciary

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RS - JThompson - 03/01/12

1 AN ACT concerning the judicial branch of government; relating to judges;
2 authority of supreme court; amending K.S.A. 4-202, 4-203, 4-204, 4-
3 205, 4-206, 4-207, 4-208, 4-209, 4-210, 4-211, 4-212, 4-213, 4-214, 4-
4 215, 4-216, 4-217, 4-218, 4-219, 4-220, 4-221, 4-222, 4-223a, 4-224, 4-
5 225, 4-226, 4-227, 4-228, 4-229, 4-230, 4-231 and 4-232 and repealing
6 the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 20-301b and 20-338.

7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 New Section 1. The supreme court of the state of Kansas shall
9 allocate all judicial resources as the court determines necessary and
10 appropriate. This allocation shall include assignment of district judges and
11 district magistrate judges to judicial districts and to the county or counties
12 in which each shall serve and in which each shall maintain an office.

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14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 4-202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-202.

15 The counties of Atchison and Leavenworth shall constitute the first
16 judicial district. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 20-354a and
17 amendments thereto, there shall be four district judges in such district.

18 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 4-203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-203.

19 The counties of Pottawatomie, Wabauunsee, Jackson and Jefferson shall
20 constitute the second judicial district. There shall be two district judges in
21 such district.

22 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 4-204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-204.

23 The county of Shawnee shall constitute the third judicial district. There
24 shall be 13 district judges in such district.

25 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 4-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-205.
26 The counties of Franklin, Anderson, Coffey and Osage shall constitute the
27 fourth judicial district. There shall be three district judges in such district.

28 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 4-206 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-206.

29 The counties of Chase and Lyon shall constitute the fifth judicial district.
30 There shall be two district judges in such district.

31 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 4-207 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-207.

32 The counties of Miami, Linn and Bourbon shall constitute the sixth
33 judicial district. There shall be three district judges in such district. At
34 least one district judge position shall be in Bourbon county.

35 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 4-208 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4-208.

36 The county of Douglas shall constitute the seventh judicial district. There

(a)

Except as provided in subsection (b)

(b) If a judicial district has been assigned a total number of district judges plus district magistrate judges that is equal to or greater than the number of counties in such judicial district, then at least one district judge or district magistrate judge shall be a resident of each county in such judicial district.