

February 12, 2016

The Honorable John Barker, Chairperson  
House Committee on Judiciary  
Statehouse, Room 519-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Barker:

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for HB 2652 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2652 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2652 would require the Judicial District Nominating Commission to submit no less than three and no more than five names to the Governor for consideration when judicial vacancies occur in districts where the nonpartisan selection process is used.

The Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) indicates HB 2652 could produce savings for the Judicial Branch because it would increase the likelihood that a district Nominating Commission will have to look outside the district for qualified candidates, prolonging the process and keeping judicial positions open for a longer period of time. In contrast, keeping positions open longer could place an undue hardship on the district courts depending on the workload required at the time a judicial vacancy occurs. In any case, OJA is unable to provide An estimate of savings or expenditures that may occur with the enactment of this bill.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,  
Director of the Budget

cc: Ashley Michaelis, Judiciary