

Judicial Council; HB 2131

HB 2131 creates law concerning the mission of the Kansas Judicial Council (Council) and amends law related to Council funds.

Judicial Council Mission

The bill provides that the mission of the Council is to study the administration of justice in Kansas and make recommendations for improvements therefor.

Judicial Council Funds

Currently, the Council receives 0.99 percent of docket fees. The bill shifts deposit of docket fees previously credited to the Judicial Council Fund to the State General Fund (SGF). The bill also removes statutory provisions that direct the State Treasurer to credit 0.99 percent of revenues from docket fees to the Judicial Council Fund.

Abolishing the Judicial Council Fund

The bill requires the Director of Accounts and Reports (Director) to transfer all moneys in the Judicial Council Fund to the SGF on July 1, 2023, and subsequently abolish the fund.

Publications Fee Fund Transfer

The bill requires the Director to transfer all publication fees collected by the Council to be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the SGF. In addition, the bill requires all moneys received as gifts, grants, or donations for the preparation, publication, or distribution of legal publications to be deposited in the State Treasury and credited to the Publications Fee Fund.