

STATE OF KANSAS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend **HB 2612**, on page 1, in line 8, after "(a) (1)" by inserting "(A) On and after July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017,"; following line 13, by inserting:

"(B) On and after July 1, 2017, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of the district court in any judicial district, or whenever a vacancy will occur in such office on a specified future date, the chief justice of the supreme court promptly shall give notice of such vacancy to the chairperson of the district judicial nominating commission of such judicial district.";

On page 2, in line 16, after "(a)" by inserting "(1) On and after July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017,"; following line 26, by inserting:

"(2) On and after July 1, 2017, whenever a district judicial nominating commission has submitted to the governor the required number of nominations for appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of judge of the district court, it shall be the duty of the governor to make such appointment within 30 days after such nominations are submitted or resubmitted to the governor. If the governor fails to make the appointment within 30 days, the chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment from among such nominees, except whenever any change in the nominations is made pursuant to K.S.A. 20-2910, and amendments thereto, such 30-day period commences on the day the nominations are resubmitted.";

Also on page 2, in line 34, after "(a)" by inserting "(1) (A) On and after July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017,"; in line 41, after the period by inserting:

"(B) On and after July 1, 2017, whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of district magistrate judge in any judicial district which has approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of

district court judges, or whenever a vacancy will occur in such office on a specified future date, the chief justice of the supreme court promptly shall give notice of such vacancy to the chairperson of the district judicial nominating commission of such judicial district.

(2) ";

Also on page 2, in line 43, by striking "conduction" and inserting "conducting";

On page 3, in line 20, before "Except" by inserting "(a) On and after July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017,"; following line 33, by inserting:

"(b) On and after July 1, 2017, except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 20-2903 through 20-2913, and amendments thereto, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of the district court, it shall be filled by appointment by the governor. If the vacancy occurs on or after May 1 of the second year of the term, the person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified. If the vacancy occurs before May 1 of the second year of the term, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified at the next general election to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Any appointment made by the governor as required by this section shall be made within 60 days after the vacancy occurs."

_____ District.