

SENATE BILL No. 423

By Committee on Judiciary

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RS - JThompson - 02/20/12

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 The county of Douglas shall constitute the seventh judicial district. ~~There  
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(a)

Except as provided in subsection (b)

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