

**22-4616. Domestic violence offenses; designation; special sentencing provision.** (a) On and after July 1, 2011, in all criminal cases filed in the district court, if there is evidence that the defendant committed a domestic violence offense, the trier of fact shall determine whether the defendant committed a domestic violence offense. On and after July 1, 2013, in all criminal cases filed in the municipal court, if there is evidence that the defendant committed a domestic violence offense, the trier of fact shall determine whether the defendant committed a domestic violence offense.

(1) Except as provided further, if the trier of fact determines that the defendant committed a domestic violence offense, the court shall place a domestic violence designation on the criminal case and the defendant shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (p) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6604, and amendments thereto.

(2) The court shall not place a domestic violence designation on the criminal case and the defendant shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (p) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6604, and amendments thereto, only if the court finds on the record that:

(A) The defendant has not previously committed a domestic violence offense or participated in a diversion upon a complaint alleging a domestic violence offense; and

(B) the domestic violence offense was not used to coerce, control, punish, intimidate or take revenge against a person with whom the offender is involved or has been involved in a dating relationship or against a family or household member.

(b) The term "domestic violence offense" shall have the meaning provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto.

(c) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas code for criminal procedure.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 101, § 1; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 141; L. 2012, ch. 162, § 17; May 31.