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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 17

As Amended by House Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 17 would amend law relating to membership of the Kansas Judicial Council. The bill would add the chairpersons of the House and Senate Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committees to the Council. The addition of the 2 chairpersons would increase the total membership of the Council to 12 members: 4 legislators, 4 judges, and 4 resident attorneys.

The bill also would change the appointing authority for the resident attorney members from the Chief Justice to the Governor.

Finally, the bill would remove language allowing a legislative chairperson's designee to serve on the Council.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The Senate Committee on Judiciary introduced SB 17 at the request of the Kansas Judicial Council.

In the 2015 Senate Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the Judicial Council testified as a proponent of the bill. No neutral or opponent testimony was offered on the bill.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The Senate Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register* to allow the two new members to participate in the June meeting of the Council.

In the 2016 House Committee on Judiciary hearing, the Executive Director of the Judicial Council testified as a proponent of the bill. No neutral or opponent testimony was offered on the bill.

The House Committee amended the bill to change the appointing authority for the resident attorney members from the Chief Justice to the Governor.

According to the 2015 fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the bill would create an ongoing expense in the amount of \$1,229, with \$283 for mileage and travel reimbursement and \$946 for *per diem*, subsistence, and associated employer-paid benefits. Any fiscal impact associated with the bill was not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*, and a revised fiscal not was not available.