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# SENATE BILL No. 159

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning the code of civil procedure for limited actions;
amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-2803, 61-2907, 61-3002, 61-3003, 613302, 61-3505, 61-3507, 61-3508, 61-3509, 61-3510, 61-3513, 61-3604,
61-3606, 61-3608, 61-3803, 61-3804, 61-3808 and 61-4105 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-2906
and 61-3401.

#### 17 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-2803 is hereby amended to read as 18 follows: 61-2803. The supreme court of this state shall adopt rules to 19 20 govern the electronic filing of court matters and the storage of and access 21 by the public to the same, to govern the form of pleadings, other documents to be filed and such other matters as is necessary under the code 22 23 of civil procedure for limited actions and shall adopt rules or orders to govern the form of pleadings, other documents to be filed and 24 25 such other matters as is necessary under the code of civil procedure 26 for limited actions.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-2907 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 61-2907. (a) The petition shall be served on the defendant in
accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3001 through 613006, and amendments thereto.

(b) All pleadings other than the petition, motions which cannot be
heard ex parte, notices, and orders which are required by their terms to
be served, shall be served upon the party's attorney of record, if the party
is represented by an attorney, or upon the party if not represented by an
attorney, in the following manner:

36 (1) By delivering a copy;

37 (2) by mailing a copy by first-class mail, certified mail or registered38 mail to the last known address; or

(3) if no address is known, by leaving a copy with the clerk of the
court. For the purposes of this subsection, delivering a copy means:
Handing it to the attorney or to the party; leaving it at the attorney's or
party's office with the clerk or other person in charge thereof or, if there
is no one in charge, leaving it in a conspicuous place therein; or, if the

attorney's or party's office is closed or the person to be served has no
 office, leaving it at the attorney's or party's dwelling house or usual place
 of abode with some person of suitable age and discretion then residing
 therein. Service by mail is complete upon mailing. All such pleadings,
 motions, notices and orders covered by this subsection shall be filed with
 the court either before service or within a reasonable time thereafter.

7 (c) The filing of pleadings and other papers with the court as required
 8 or permitted by this act shall be done in accordance with rules of the
 9 supreme court.

## 10 (c) The filing of pleadings and other papers with the court as 11 required or permitted by this act shall be done in accordance with 12 rules or orders of the supreme court.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3002 is hereby amended to read as 13 follows: 61-3002. (a) The summons shall be issued by the clerk, dated the 14 15 day it is issued and contain the information set forth in the rules to be adopted by the supreme court of this state appendix of forms pursuant 16 to rules or orders of the supreme court. The summons shall state the 17 time when the law requires the defendant to appear or file an answer in 18 response to the petition, and shall notify such defendant that in case of 19 20 such defendant's failure to appear or file an answer, judgment by default 21 will be rendered against such defendant for the relief demanded in the petition. The summons shall be in substantially in compliance with the 22 23 form set forth in the rules to be adopted hereunder by the supreme court 24 appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.

(b) The time stated in the summons requiring the defendant to appear in response to the petition shall be determined by the court. Such time shall be not less than 11 nor more than 50 days after the date the summons is issued.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3003 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-3003. (a) Methods of service of process within this state, except service by publication, are described in this section. Service of process outside the state shall be made in substantial compliance with the applicable provisions of K.S.A. 60-308, and amendments thereto.

(b) Who serves process. The sheriff of the county in which the action
is filed shall serve any process by any method authorized by this section,
or as otherwise provided by law, unless a party, either personally or
through an attorney, elects to undertake responsibility for service and so
notifies the clerk.

39 (c) Service by return receipt delivery.

40 (1) Service of process by return receipt delivery shall include service
41 effected by certified mail, priority mail, commercial courier service, over42 night delivery service, or other reliable personal delivery service to the
43 party addressed, in each instance evidenced by a written or electronic

receipt showing to whom delivered, date of delivery, address where de livered, and person or entity effecting delivery.

(2) The sheriff, party or party's attorney shall cause a copy of the
process and petition or other document to be placed in a sealed envelope
addressed to the person to be served in accordance with K.S.A. 2000
Supp. 61-3004, and amendments thereto, with postage or other delivery
fees prepaid, and the sealed envelope placed in the custody of the person
or entity effecting delivery.

9 (3) Service of process shall be considered obtained under K.S.A. 2000
10 Supp. 61-2902, and amendments thereto, upon the delivery of the sealed
11 envelope.

(4) After service and return of the receipt, the sheriff, party, or party's attorney shall execute a return on service stating the nature of the process, to whom delivered, the date of delivery, the address where delivered, and the person or entity effecting delivery. The original return of service shall be filed with the clerk, along with a copy of the return receipt evidencing such delivery.

If the sealed envelope is returned with an endorsement showing 18 (5) refusal to accept delivery, the sheriff, party or the party's attorney may 19 20 send a copy of the process and petition or other document by first-class 21 mail addressed to the party to be served, or may elect other methods of service. If mailed, service shall be considered obtained three days after 22 23 the mailing by first-class mail, postage prepaid, which shall be evidenced by a certificate of service filed with the clerk. If the unopened envelope 24 25 sent first-class mail is returned as undelivered for any reason, the sheriff, 26 party or party's attorney shall file an amended certificate of service with the clerk indicating nondelivery, and service by such mailing shall not be 27 considered obtained. Mere failure to claim return receipt delivery is not 28 refusal of service within the meaning of this subsection. 29

30 (d) Personal and residence service.

31 (1)The party may file a written request with the clerk for personal 32 or residence service. Personal service shall be made by delivering or offering to deliver a copy of the process and accompanying documents to 33 the person to be served. Residence service shall be made by leaving a 34 35 copy of the process and petition, or other document to be served, at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the person to be served with 36 37 some person of suitable age and discretion residing therein. If service cannot be made upon an individual, other than a minor or a disabled 38 person, by personal or residence service, service may be made by leaving 39 40 a copy of the process and petition, or other document to be served, at the defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode and mailing a 41 notice that such copy has been left at such house or place of abode to the 42 43 individual by first-class mail.

1 (2) When process is to be served under this subsection, the clerk of 2 the court shall deliver the process and sufficient copies of the process and petition, or other document to be served, to the sheriff of the county 3 where the process is to be served or, if requested, to a person appointed 4 to serve process or to the plaintiff's attorney.

(3) Service, levy and execution of all process under this subsection, 6 7 including, but not limited to, writs of execution, orders of attachment, replevin orders, orders for delivery, writs of restitution and writs of assis-8 tance, shall be made by a sheriff within the sheriff's county, by the sheriff's 9 10 deputy, by an attorney admitted to the practice of law before the supreme court of Kansas or by some person appointed as a process server by a 11 judge or clerk of the district court, except that a subpoena may also be 12 served by any other person who is not a party and is not less than 18 years 13 of age. Process servers shall be appointed freely and may be authorized 14 15 either to serve process in a single case or in cases generally during a fixed period of time. A process server or an authorized attorney may make the 16 17 service anywhere in or out of the state and shall be allowed the fees prescribed in K.S.A. 28-110, and amendments thereto, for the sheriff and 18 such other fees and costs as the court shall allow. All persons authorized 19 20 under this subsection to serve, levy and execute process shall be consid-21 ered an "officer" as used in K.S.A. 60-706 and 60-2401, and amendments 22 thereto.

23 (4) In all cases when the person to be served, or an agent authorized by the person to accept service of process, refuses to receive copies 24 25 thereof, the offer of the duly authorized process server to deliver copies 26 thereof, and the refusal, shall be a sufficient service of the process.

Publication service. Service of process by publication may be 27 (e) made pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 60-307, and amendments 28 thereto, which are not inconsistent or in conflict with this act. 29

30 (f) Acknowledgment or appearance. An acknowledgment of service on the summons is equivalent to service. The voluntary appearance by a 31 defendant is equivalent to service as of the date of appearance. 32

(g) In addition to other methods listed in this section, the person 33 34 serving process may serve a garnishment process in any of the following 35 methods:

(1) First class mail. Process may be sent to a person by first-class mail 36 37 by placing a copy of the process and petition or other document to be served in an envelope addressed to the person to be served in accordance 38 39 with K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3004, and amendments thereto, at such per-40 son's last known address. The envelope used for such service shall be addressed to the person in accordance with K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3004, 41 and amendments thereto, and shall contain adequate postage. Such en-42

velope shall be sealed and placed in the United States mail. Service by 43

first-class mail shall be complete when the envelope is placed in the mail
 unless returned undelivered. Service shall be considered obtained upon
 the mailing by first-class mail unless returned undelivered.

4 (2) Telefacsimile communication. Process may be sent to a person by
5 telefacsimile communication. Service is complete upon receipt of a con6 firmation generated by the transmitting machine.

7 (3) Internet electronic mail. Process may be sent to a person by in8 ternet electronic mail as provided in the rules to be adopted hereunder
9 by the supreme court.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3302 is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 61-3302. (a) A judgment may be entered by master or other 11 journal entry or judgment form approved by a judge. The judgment shall 12 be effective from the date the journal entry or judgment form is filed 13 with the clerk of the court. The form of the A master journal entry or 14 15 judgment form shall be substantially in compliance with the form set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state appendix of forms pursuant 16 17 to rules or orders of the supreme court.

(b) One or more cases may be shown on a *master* journal entry or
 judgment form as set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state
 *appendix of forms* pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.

(c) When more than one claim for relief is presented in a lawsuit, the
court may direct the entry of a final judgment upon one or more but less
than all of the claims upon such terms and conditions as set forth in the
judgment of the court.

25 (d) Except as to a party against whom a judgment is entered by de-26 fault, every final judgment shall grant the relief to which the party in whose favor it is rendered is entitled, regardless of whether the party has 27 demanded such relief in such party's pleadings. Upon entry of such judg-28 ment, the party in whose favor judgment is entered shall be deemed to 29 30 have waived such party's right to recover any amount due in excess of such judgment, and such party may not recover in a subsequent lawsuit 31 any amount in excess of such judgment. 32

(e) Whenever a party has commenced postjudgment proceedings for
the enforcement of a judgment, and such judgment is subsequently set
aside, reversed on appeal or otherwise nullified, such party shall not be
liable for damages as a result of such postjudgment proceedings, unless
it can be proven that the judgment upon which such proceedings were
based was fraudulently obtained.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3505 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 61-3505. This section shall apply if the garnishment is to attach
intangible property other than earnings of the judgment debtor.

42 (a) The order of garnishment shall be substantially in compliance with
43 the forms set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state *appendix*

### 1 of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.

2 (b) The order of garnishment and the appropriate form for the garnishee's answer shall be served on the garnishee in the same manner as 3 process is to be served pursuant to K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3001 through 4 61-3006, and amendments thereto, except that the garnishee may be 5 served by any means provided under K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3001 through 6 61-3006, and amendments thereto, at the garnishee's business or office 7 location and this shall be considered proper service. Two copies A copy 8 9 of the answer form shall be served if the garnishment order is not served 10 electronically. If the order is served prior to a judgment, the order shall also be served on the judgment debtor, if the judgment debtor can be 11 found, except that the order shall not be served on the judgment debtor 12 until after service has been made on the garnishee. Failure to serve the 13 judgment debtor shall not relieve the garnishee from liability under the 14 15 order.

16 (c) The order of garnishment shall have the effect of attaching:

(1) All intangible property, funds, credits or other indebtedness belonging to or owing the judgment debtor, other than earnings, which is
in the possession or under the control of the garnishee, and all such
credits and indebtedness due from the garnishee to the judgment debtor
at the time of service of the order; and

(2) all such personal property coming into the possession or control 22 23 of the garnishee and belonging to the judgment debtor, and all such credits and indebtedness becoming due to the judgment debtor between 24 25 the time the order is served on the garnishee and the time the garnishee 26 makes the answer of the garnishee. Where the garnishee is an executor or administrator of an estate in which the judgment debtor is or may 27 become a legatee or distributee thereof, the order of garnishment shall 28 have the effect of attaching and creating a first and prior lien upon any 29 30 property or funds of such estate to which the judgment debtor is entitled upon distribution of the estate, and such garnishee shall be prohibited 31 32 from paying over to the judgment debtor any of such property or funds until so ordered by the court from which the order of garnishment was 33 issued. 34

35 The garnishee, without prior agreement, may withhold and retain (d) to defray the garnishee's costs, an administrative fee of \$10 for each order 36 37 of garnishment that attaches funds, credits or indebtedness. Such administrative fee shall be in addition to the amount required to be withheld 38 under the order for garnishment, except that if the amount required to 39 40 be withheld under the order for garnishment is greater than the amount of the funds, credits or indebtedness held by the garnishee, the fee shall 41 42 be deducted from the amount withheld.

43 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3507 is hereby amended to read as

follows: 61-3507. This section shall apply if the garnishment is to attach
 earnings of the judgment debtor.

3 (a) The order of garnishment shall be substantially in compliance with
4 the forms set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state appendix
5 of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.

(b) The order of garnishment and the appropriate form for the gar-6 nishee's answer shall be served on the garnishee in the same manner as 7 process is to be served pursuant to K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3001 through 8 9 61-3006, and amendments thereto, except that the garnishee may be 10 served by any means provided under K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3001 through 61-3006, and amendments thereto, at the garnishee's business or office 11 location and this shall be considered proper service. Two copies A copy 12 of the answer form shall be served if the garnishment order is not served 13 electronically. If the party having requested the garnishment is notified 14 15 by the garnishee that the judgment debtor has never been employed by the garnishee or the judgment debtor's employment has been terminated, 16 17 the party seeking the garnishment shall forthwith file a release with the clerk of the court of such garnishment. 18

(c) The order of garnishment shall have the effect of attaching the 19 20 nonexempt portion of the judgment debtor's earnings for all pay periods 21 which end while the order is in effect. The order shall remain in effect until either of the following occur, whichever is sooner: (1) The judgment 22 23 is paid; or (2) the garnishment is released. The party for whom the garnishment is issued shall file a release with the clerk of the court upon 24 25 satisfaction of the judgment and provide a copy thereof to the defendant 26 and garnishee. Nonexempt earnings are earnings which are not exempt from wage garnishment pursuant to K.S.A. 60-2310, and amendments 27 28 thereto. Computation of the nonexempt portion of the judgment debtor's wages for the pay period or periods covered by the order shall be made 29 30 in accordance with the directions accompanying the garnishee's answer 31 form, and a written explanation of the garnishee's computations shall be 32 furnished to the judgment debtor with each paycheck from which earnings are withheld pursuant to the order of garnishment. The order of 33 garnishment shall also constitute an order of the court directing the gar-34 35 nishee to pay to the judgment creditor all earnings which are to be withheld by the garnishee under the order of garnishment as more particularly 36 37 provided in the answer of the garnishee.

(d) From income due the judgment debtor, the garnishee may withhold and retain to defray the garnishee's costs, an administrative fee of
\$10 for each pay period for which income is withheld, not to exceed \$20
for each 30 day period for which income is withheld, whichever is less.
\$20 Such administrative fee shall be in addition to the amount required to be
\$41 withheld under the order for garnishment. If the addition of this fee

causes the total amount withheld to exceed the restrictions imposed by 1 2 subsection (b) of K.S.A. 60-2310, and amendments thereto, the fee shall be deducted from the amount withheld. 3

(e) For any continuing garnishment, the party having requested the 4 5 garnishment shall maintain an accounting and record of the judgment reflecting thereon all garnishment proceeds received and applied, all in-6 terest accrued thereon, and any and all credits applied in satisfaction 7 thereof, and the remaining unsatisfied balance of such judgment. The 8 9 party requesting the garnishment shall produce a copy of such accounting and record upon request of the court. 10

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3508 is hereby amended to read as 11 follows: 61-3508. (a) Immediately following the time the order of gar-12 nishment is served on the garnishee, the party seeking the garnishment 13 shall send a notice to the judgment debtor in any reasonable manner, 14 15 notifying the judgment debtor:

(1) That a garnishment order has been issued against the judgment 16 17 debtor and the effect of such order;

(2) of the judgment debtor's right to assert any claim of exemption 18 allowed under the law with respect to a garnishment against property 19 20 other than earnings or of the judgment debtor's right to object to the 21 calculation of exempt and nonexempt earnings with respect to a garnishment against the earnings of the debtor; and 22

23 (3) of the judgment debtor's right to a hearing on such claim or objection. The notice shall be substantially in compliance with the form set 24 25 forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state appendix of forms 26 pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court, and shall contain a description of the exemptions that are applicable to garnishments and the 27 28 procedure by which the judgment debtor can assert any claim of exemption. A copy of the notice form shall be served on the garnishee with the 29 30 order of garnishment.

(b) If the judgment debtor requests a hearing to assert any claim of 31 exemption, the request shall be filed no later than 10 days following the 32 date the notice is served on the judgment debtor. If a hearing is re-33 quested, the hearing shall be held by the court no sooner than five days 34 35 nor later than 10 days after the request is filed. At the time the request for hearing is filed, the judgment debtor shall obtain from the clerk or 36 37 court the date and time for the hearing which shall be noted on the request form. Immediately after the request for hearing is filed, the judg-38 ment debtor shall hand-deliver to the party seeking the garnishment or 39 40 such party's attorney, if the party is represented by an attorney, or mail to the party seeking the garnishment or such party's attorney, if the party 41 42 is represented by an attorney, by first-class mail at the party seeking the garnishment or such party's attorney's last known address, a copy of the 43

1 request for hearing.

(c) If a hearing is held, the judgment debtor shall have the burden
of proof to show that some or all of the property subject to the garnishment is exempt, and the court shall enter an order determining the exemption and such other order or orders as is appropriate.

6 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3509 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 61-3509. This section shall apply if the garnishment is to attach
8 intangible property other than earnings of the judgment debtor.

9 (a) The answer of the garnishee shall be substantially in compliance
10 with the forms set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state
11 appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.

(b) Within 10 days after service upon a garnishee of an order of gar-12 nishment the garnishee shall complete the answer in accordance with the 13 instructions accompanying the answer form stating the facts with respect 14 15 to the demands of the order and file the completed answer with the clerk of the court. The clerk shall cause a copy of the answer to be mailed 16 promptly to the judgment creditor and judgment debtor at the addresses 17 listed on the answer form. The answer shall be supported by unsworn 18 declaration in the manner set forth on the answer form. 19

20 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3510 is hereby amended to read as 21 follows: 61-3510. This section shall apply if the garnishment is to attach 22 earnings of the judgment debtor.

(a) The answer of the garnishee shall be substantially in compliance
 with the forms set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state
 *appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.*

26 (b) Within 15 days following the end of each month, the garnishee shall complete the answer in accordance with the instructions accompa-27 28 nying the answer form for all pay periods ending during the month and send the completed answer to each judgment creditor and judgment 29 30 debtor at the addresses listed on the answer form. The garnishee shall designate on the answer in the space provided on the answer form the 31 name and case number for each judgment creditor who has a garnishment 32 order in effect for the same debtor at the end of each month and the 33 amount that is due each judgment creditor under the garnishment in 34 35 accordance with the instructions accompanying the answer form. Only one answer needs to be completed for each judgment debtor by the gar-36 37 nishee and the garnishee may duplicate the completed answer in any manner the garnishee desires for distribution to each judgment creditor 38 39 and judgment debtor. The answer shall be supported by unsworn dec-40 laration in the manner set forth on the answer form.

41 (c) If there are other liens against the judgment debtor's earnings
42 which by law have priority over garnishments, the garnishee shall so in43 dicate on the answer. In such event, the garnishment shall remain in

effect but no earnings of the debtor shall be withheld under the garnish ment order unless and until all of the other liens having priority are re leased or satisfied or the earnings being withheld under all of such liens
 are less than the amount which is exempt under K.S.A. 60-2310, and
 amendments thereto.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3513 is hereby amended to read as 6 follows: 61-3513. This section shall apply if the garnishment is to attach 7 earnings of the judgment debtor. If no reply is made to the answer of 8 garnishee within 10 days following the date the garnishee has completed 9 sent the completed answer to the judgment creditor and judgment debtor, 10 the garnishee shall promptly thereafter pay the earnings withheld as in-11 dicated on the answer to all judgment creditors designated on the answer 12 in the amount due each as indicated on the answer, unless the garnishee 13 receives prior to such payment an order of the court to the contrary. If 14 15 any judgment creditor receives more than they are entitled to, that judgment creditor shall promptly pay the excess amount pro-rata to the other 16 17 judgment creditors designated on the answer, or if no such other judgment creditors are designated, the judgment creditor shall promptly pay 18 the excess amount to the judgment debtor. 19

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3604 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-3604. (a) As an aid to the collection of a judgment, the judgment creditor is entitled to have an order for a hearing in aid of execution issued by the court at any time after 10 days after judgment. There is no requirement that an execution first be issued and returned unsatisfied. No application for such order needs to be filed except as specially required in this section.

27 (b) An order for a hearing in aid of execution may be issued at the 28 request of a judgment creditor in an individual case or by a master request covering more than one case, and shall require the judgment debtor to 29 30 either: (1) Contact the judgment creditor or attorney prior to the date set 31 for the hearing to furnish information under oath or penalty of perjury 32 concerning the judgment debtor's property and income; or (2) appear and furnish information under oath or penalty of perjury when required by 33 the court concerning the debtor's property and income before the court 34 35 at a time and place specified in the order within the county where the court is situated. The form of the order shall be substantially in compli-36 37 ance with the form set forth in rules of the supreme court of this state the appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme 38 39 court. The court may cancel the hearing if the judgment debtor has 40 furnished to the judgment creditor satisfactory information concerning the debtor's property and income prior to the date and time for the hear-41 ing. Witnesses may also be subpoenaed to testify at the hearing. 42

43 (c) If the judgment debtor resides in another county in this state or

outside of this state, the court can order such judgment debtor to appear
 if the court finds that it will not cause undue hardship on the judgment
 debtor to appear.

(d) It shall be the duty of the judge to assist in the enforcement of 4 5 the judgments of the court. To this end, at any hearing in aid of execution, when the existence of any nonexempt property of the judgment debtor 6 is disclosed, the court shall order the judgment debtor to deliver the 7 property to the sheriff or a duly appointed process server. If the property 8 is other than currency, the property shall be sold in the same manner as 9 other property taken under execution is sold and the proceeds from the 10 sale shall be applied to the judgment and costs. 11

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3606 is hereby amended to read as 12 13 follows: 61-3606. If a person fails to appear in response to an order for a hearing in aid of execution, or if a person who has been subpoenaed to 14 15 testify at the hearing fails to appear or to testify concerning anything about which the person can lawfully be questioned, the court shall issue a ci-16 tation for contempt to that person providing that the person must either: 17 (a) Contact the judgment creditor or attorney within 10 days to fur-18 nish information under oath or penalty of perjury concerning the judg-19 20 ment debtor's property and income; or

(b) appear in court at a date and time specified to show cause why
 the debtor should not be held in contempt and punished for contempt.
 The form of the citation for contempt shall be substantially in compliance
 with the form set forth in rules of the supreme court of this state the
 appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court.
 The citation for contempt does not need to be supported by affidavit or
 other verification.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3608 is hereby amended to read as 28 29 follows: 61-3608. (a) If a person fails to comply with the either of the 30 requirements of K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3606, and amendments thereto, or if it appears to the court that the person is hiding to avoid the process 31 32 of the court or is about to leave the county for that purpose, the court may issue a bench warrant commanding the sheriff to whom it is directed 33 to bring such person before the court to answer for contempt. The bench 34 35 warrant does not need to be supported by affidavit or other verification. The court may make such orders concerning the release of the person 36 37 pending the hearing as the court deems proper.

(b) When such person is brought before the court, a hearing shall be
held to determine if the person should be punished for contempt. If the
court determines that the person is guilty of contempt, the court may
punish the person by a fine in an amount to be set by the court or by
imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not to exceed 30 days, or
both. The court may also order the person guilty of contempt to pay the

reasonable attorney fees incurred by the judgment creditor in the filing
 of the bench warrant and the hearing thereon.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3803 is hereby amended to read as 3 follows: 61-3803. Before a lawsuit to evict a person pursuant to K.S.A. 4 2000 Supp. 61-3801 through 61-3808, and amendments thereto, is filed, 5 the party desiring to file such lawsuit shall deliver to the other party a 6 notice to leave the premises for which possession is sought. The notice 7 shall be delivered at least three days before commencing the lawsuit, by 8 9 leaving a written copy with the other party or by leaving a copy thereof with any person over the age of 12 years residing on the premises de-10 scribed in such notice, or if no such person is found upon the premises, 11 by posting a copy of such notice in a conspicuous place thereon, or by 12 mailing a copy of the notice to the other party at the address of the 13 premises described in the notice. The three day notice period provided 14 15 for in this section shall be computed as three consecutive 24-hour periods to commence at the time the notice is delivered, posted or mailed. If the 16 notice is mailed, an additional two days from the date of mailing shall be 17 allowed for the person to leave the premises before the lawsuit is filed. 18 Intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall be included in 19 20 the computation of the notice period. The form of the notice shall be 21 substantially in compliance with the form set forth in the rules of the supreme court of this state appendix of forms pursuant to rules or or-22

## 23 ders of the supreme court.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3804 is hereby amended to read as 24 25 follows: 61-3804. The petition shall describe the premises for which pos-26 session is sought and why the plaintiff is seeking possession. If there is rent due for possession of the premises, the petition may include a request 27 for judgment for that amount or the plaintiff may bring a subsequent 28 lawsuit for that amount. The form of the petition shall be substantially 29 30 in compliance with the form set forth in the rules of the supreme court 31 of this state appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the su-32 preme court.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-3808 is hereby amended to read as 33 follows: 61-3808. (a) If judgment is entered against the defendant for 34 35 possession of the subject premises, the court shall issue, at the request of the plaintiff, a writ of restitution which shall direct anyone who is au-36 37 thorized to serve process and who is named in the writ to place the plaintiff in possession of the premises described in the writ. The form of the 38 39 writ shall be substantially in compliance with the form set forth in the 40 rules of the supreme court of this state appendix of forms pursuant to rules or orders of the supreme court. 41

42 (b) The writ of restitution shall be executed within 10 days after the 43 person named in the writ receives it, and that person shall file a return 4 (c) If the person named in the writ receives a notice from the court
5 that the proceedings have been stayed by appeal, that person shall im6 mediately delay all further proceedings upon the execution. If the prem7 ises have been restored to the plaintiff, the person named in the writ shall
8 immediately place the defendant in the possession thereof.

9 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 61-4105 is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 61-4105. The forms contained in the rules to be adopted here-11 under by the supreme court appendix of forms set forth pursuant to 12 rules or orders of the supreme court are sufficient under this act and 13 are intended to indicate the simplicity and brevity of statement which this 14 act contemplates.

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- 61-3513, 61-3604, 61-3606, 61-3608, 61-3803, 61-3804, 61-3808 and 61-
- 4105 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.