Session of 2005

SENATE BILL No. 296

By Committee on Ways and Means

3-14

AN ACT concerning docket fees; relating to compensation for certain judicial personnel; amending K.S.A. 75-3120f and 75-3120h and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 20-367, 21-4619, 22-2410, 28-172a, 60-2001, 61-2704, 61-4001, 75-3120g and 75-3120k and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 21-4619 as amended by section 59 of the 2004 session laws of Kansas.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 20-367 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-367. Of the remittance of the balance of docket fees received by the state treasurer from clerks of the district court pursuant to subsection (f) of K.S.A. 20-362, and amendments thereto, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit to the access to justice fund, a sum equal to 5.90% 5.05% of the remittances of docket fees; to the juvenile detention facilities fund, a sum equal to 3.27% 2.80% of the remittances of docket fees; to the judicial branch education fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to 2.52% 2.16% of the remittances of docket fees; to the crime victims assistance fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to .67% .57% of the remittances of the docket fees; to the protection from abuse fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to 3.22% 2.76% of the remittances of the docket fees; to the judiciary technology fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to 5.10% 4.37% of the remittances of docket fees; to the dispute resolution fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to .41% .35% of the remittances of docket fees; to the Kansas juvenile delinquency prevention trust fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to $\frac{1.49\%}{1.28\%}$ of the remittances of docket fees; to the permanent families account in the family and children investment fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to .25% .21% of the remittances of docket fees; to the trauma fund, a sum equal to 1.77% 1.52% of the remittance of docket fees; to the judicial council fund, a sum equal to $\frac{1.33\%}{1.14\%}$ of the remittance of docket fees; and to the judicial branch nonjudicial salary initiative fund, the state treasurer shall deposit and credit a sum equal to 21.41% 18.33% of the

remittance of docket fees. The balance remaining of the remittances of docket fees shall be deposited and credited to the state general fund.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 21-4619 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4619. (a) (1) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), any person convicted in this state of a traffic infraction, cigarette or to-bacco infraction, misdemeanor or a class D or E felony, or for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, nondrug crimes ranked in severity levels 6 through 10 or any felony ranked in severity level 4 of the drug grid, may petition the convicting court for the expungement of such conviction or related arrest records if three or more years have elapsed since the person: (A) Satisfied the sentence imposed; or (B) was discharged from probation, a community correctional services program, parole, post-release supervision, conditional release or a suspended sentence.
- (2) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), any person who has fulfilled the terms of a diversion agreement may petition the district court for the expungement of such diversion agreement and related arrest records if three or more years have elapsed since the terms of the diversion agreement were fulfilled.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), no person may petition for expungement until five or more years have elapsed since the person satisfied the sentence imposed, the terms of a diversion agreement or was discharged from probation, a community correctional services program, parole, postrelease supervision, conditional release or a suspended sentence, if such person was convicted of a class A, B or C felony, or for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993, if convicted of an off-grid felony or any nondrug crime ranked in severity levels 1 through 5 or any felony ranked in severity levels 1 through 3 of the drug grid, or:
- (1) Vehicular homicide, as defined by K.S.A. 21-3405 and amendments thereto or as prohibited by any law of another state which is in substantial conformity with that statute;
- (2) a violation of K.S.A. 8-1567 and amendments thereto, or a violation of any law of another state, which declares to be unlawful the acts prohibited by that statute;
- (3) driving while the privilege to operate a motor vehicle on the public highways of this state has been canceled, suspended or revoked, as prohibited by K.S.A. 8-262 and amendments thereto or as prohibited by any law of another state which is in substantial conformity with that statute;
- (4) perjury resulting from a violation of K.S.A. 8-261a and amendments thereto or resulting from the violation of a law of another state which is in substantial conformity with that statute;
- (5) violating the provisions of the fifth clause of K.S.A. 8-142 and amendments thereto, relating to fraudulent applications or violating the provisions of a law of another state which is in substantial conformity with

that statute:

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- (6) any crime punishable as a felony wherein a motor vehicle was used in the perpetration of such crime;
- (7) failing to stop at the scene of an accident and perform the duties required by K.S.A. 8-1602, 8-1603 or 8-1604, and amendments thereto, or required by a law of another state which is in substantial conformity with those statutes;
- (8) violating the provisions of K.S.A. 40-3104 and amendments thereto, relating to motor vehicle liability insurance coverage; or
 - a violation of K.S.A. 21-3405b, prior to its repeal.
- There shall be no expungement of convictions for the following (c) 12 offenses or of convictions for an attempt to commit any of the following 13 offenses: (1) Rape as defined in subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 21-3502 and amendments thereto; (2) indecent liberties with a child as defined in K.S.A. 21-3503 and amendments thereto; (3) aggravated indecent liberties with a child as defined in K.S.A. 21-3504 and amendments thereto; (4) criminal sodomy as defined in subsection (a)(2) or (a)(3) of K.S.A. 21-3505 and amendments thereto; (5) aggravated criminal sodomy as defined in K.S.A. 21-3506 and amendments thereto; (6) indecent solicitation of a child as defined in K.S.A. 21-3510 and amendments thereto; (7) aggravated indecent solicitation of a child as defined in K.S.A. 21-3511 and amendments thereto; (8) sexual exploitation of a child as defined in K.S.A. 23 21-3516 and amendments thereto; (9) aggravated incest as defined in K.S.A. 21-3603 and amendments thereto; (10) endangering a child as defined in K.S.A. 21-3608 and amendments thereto; (11) abuse of a child as defined in K.S.A. 21-3609 and amendments thereto; (12) capital murder as defined in K.S.A. 21-3439 and amendments thereto; (13) murder in the first degree as defined in K.S.A. 21-3401 and amendments thereto; (14) murder in the second degree as defined in K.S.A. 21-3402 and 30 amendments thereto; (15) voluntary manslaughter as defined in K.S.A. 21-3403 and amendments thereto; (16) involuntary manslaughter as de-32 fined in K.S.A. 21-3404 and amendments thereto; (17) involuntary man-33 slaughter while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs as defined in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 21-3442 and amendments thereto; (18) sexual battery as defined in K.S.A. 21-3517 and amendments thereto; (19) aggra-36 vated sexual battery as defined in K.S.A. 21-3518 and amendments thereto; or (20) any conviction for any offense in effect at any time prior to the effective date of this act, that is comparable to any offense as provided in this subsection.
 - (d) When a petition for expungement is filed, the court shall set a date for a hearing of such petition and shall cause notice of such hearing to be given to the prosecuting attorney and the arresting law enforcement agency. Except as otherwise provided by law, a petition for expungement

shall be accompanied by payment of a docket fee in the amount of \$100. The petition shall state: (1) The defendant's full name;

- (2) the full name of the defendant at the time of arrest, conviction or diversion, if different than the defendant's current name;
 - (3) the defendant's sex, race and date of birth;
- (4) the crime for which the defendant was arrested, convicted or diverted:
 - (5) the date of the defendant's arrest, conviction or diversion; and
- (6) the identity of the convicting court, arresting law enforcement authority or diverting authority. There shall be no docket fee for filing a petition pursuant to this section. All petitions for expungement shall be docketed in the original criminal action. Any person who may have relevant information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing. The court may inquire into the background of the petitioner and shall have access to any reports or records relating to the petitioner that are on file with the secretary of corrections or the Kansas parole board.
- (e) At the hearing on the petition, the court shall order the petitioner's arrest record, conviction or diversion expunged if the court finds that:
- (1) The petitioner has not been convicted of a felony in the past two years and no proceeding involving any such crime is presently pending or being instituted against the petitioner;
- (2) the circumstances and behavior of the petitioner warrant the expungement; and
 - (3) the expungement is consistent with the public welfare.
- (f) When the court has ordered an arrest record, conviction or diversion expunged, the order of expungement shall state the information required to be contained in the petition. The clerk of the court shall send a certified copy of the order of expungement to the Kansas bureau of investigation which shall notify the federal bureau of investigation, the secretary of corrections and any other criminal justice agency which may have a record of the arrest, conviction or diversion. After the order of expungement is entered, the petitioner shall be treated as not having been arrested, convicted or diverted of the crime, except that:
- (1) Upon conviction for any subsequent crime, the conviction that was expunged may be considered as a prior conviction in determining the sentence to be imposed;
- (2) the petitioner shall disclose that the arrest, conviction or diversion occurred if asked about previous arrests, convictions or diversions:
- (A) In any application for licensure as a private detective, private detective agency, certification as a firearms trainer pursuant to K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-7b21, and amendments thereto, or employment as a detective with a private detective agency, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01 and

amendments thereto; as security personnel with a private patrol operator, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01 and amendments thereto; or with an institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01 and amendments thereto, of the department of social and rehabilitation services;

- (B) in any application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state;
- (C) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery;
- (D) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for executive director of the Kansas racing commission, for employment with the commission or for work in sensitive areas in parimutual racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission, or to aid in determining qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure by the commission;
- (E) upon application for a commercial driver's license under K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,142, and amendments thereto;
- (F) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of the state gaming agency;
- (G) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of a tribal gaming commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact;
- (H) in any application for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative all as defined in K.S.A. 17-1252 section 2 of chapter 154 of the 2004 session laws of Kansas and amendments thereto; or
- (I) in any application for a commercial guide permit or associate guide permit under K.S.A. 32-964, and amendments thereto; or
- (J) in any application for employment as a law enforcement officer as defined in K.S.A. 22-2202 or 74-5602, and amendments thereto;
- (3) the court, in the order of expungement, may specify other circumstances under which the conviction is to be disclosed;
- (4) the conviction may be disclosed in a subsequent prosecution for an offense which requires as an element of such offense a prior conviction of the type expunged; and
- (5) upon commitment to the custody of the secretary of corrections, any previously expunged record in the possession of the secretary of corrections may be reinstated and the expungement disregarded, and the record continued for the purpose of the new commitment.
- 41 (g) Whenever a person is convicted of a crime, pleads guilty and pays 42 a fine for a crime, is placed on parole, postrelease supervision or proba-43 tion, is assigned to a community correctional services program, is granted

a suspended sentence or is released on conditional release, the person shall be informed of the ability to expunge the arrest records or conviction. Whenever a person enters into a diversion agreement, the person shall be informed of the ability to expunge the diversion.

- (h) Subject to the disclosures required pursuant to subsection (f), in any application for employment, license or other civil right or privilege, or any appearance as a witness, a person whose arrest records, conviction or diversion of a crime has been expunged under this statute may state that such person has never been arrested, convicted or diverted of such crime, but the expungement of a felony conviction does not relieve an individual of complying with any state or federal law relating to the use or possession of firearms by persons convicted of a felony.
- (i) Whenever the record of any arrest, conviction or diversion has been expunged under the provisions of this section or under the provisions of any other existing or former statute, the custodian of the records of arrest, conviction, diversion and incarceration relating to that crime shall not disclose the existence of such records, except when requested by:
 - (1) The person whose record was expunged;
- (2) a private detective agency or a private patrol operator, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for employment with such agency or operator by the person whose record has been expunged;
- (3) a court, upon a showing of a subsequent conviction of the person whose record has been expunged;
- (4) the secretary of social and rehabilitation services, or a designee of the secretary, for the purpose of obtaining information relating to employment in an institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01 and amendments thereto, of the department of social and rehabilitation services of any person whose record has been expunged;
- (5) a person entitled to such information pursuant to the terms of the expungement order;
- (6) a prosecuting attorney, and such request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with a prosecution of an offense that requires a prior conviction as one of the elements of such offense;
- (7) the supreme court, the clerk or disciplinary administrator thereof, the state board for admission of attorneys or the state board for discipline of attorneys, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state by the person whose record has been expunged;
- (8) the Kansas lottery, and the request is accompanied by a statement

that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery;

- (9) the governor or the Kansas racing commission, or a designee of the commission, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for executive director of the commission, for employment with the commission, for work in sensitive areas in parimutuel racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission or for licensure, renewal of licensure or continued licensure by the commission;
 - (10) the Kansas sentencing commission;
- (11) the state gaming agency, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications: (A) To be an employee of the state gaming agency; or (B) to be an employee of a tribal gaming commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-gaming compact;
- (12) the Kansas securities commissioner or a designee of the commissioner, and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made in conjunction with an application for registration as a broker-dealer, agent, investment adviser or investment adviser representative by such agency and the application was submitted by the person whose record has been expunged;
- (13) the department of wildlife and parks and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining qualifications for a permit as a commercial guide or associate guide under K.S.A. 32-964, and amendments thereto;
- (14) the Kansas law enforcement training commission and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining certification eligibility as a law enforcement officer pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq., and amendments thereto; or
- (15) a law enforcement agency and the request is accompanied by a statement that the request is being made to aid in determining eligibility for employment as a law enforcement officer as defined by K.S.A. 22-2202, and amendments thereto.
- (j) The docket fee collected at the time the petition for expungement is filed shall be disbursed in accordance with K.S.A. 20-362, and amendments thereto.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 22-2410 is hereby amended to read as follows: 22-2410. (a) Any person who has been arrested in this state may petition the district court for the expungement of such arrest record.
- 42 (b) When a petition for expungement is filed, the court shall set a 43 date for hearing on such petition and shall cause notice of such hearing

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to be given to the prosecuting attorney and the arresting law enforcement 2 agency. When a petition for expungement is filed, the official court file 3 shall be separated from the other records of the court, and shall be disclosed only to a judge of the court and members of the staff of the court designated by a judge of the district court, the prosecuting attorney, the 6 arresting law enforcement agency, or any other person when authorized by a court order, subject to any conditions imposed by the order. Except as otherwise provided by law, a petition for expungement shall be accompanied by a docket fee in the amount of \$100. The petition shall state: (1) The petitioner's full name;

- (2) the full name of the petitioner at the time of arrest, if different than the petitioner's current name;
 - the petitioner's sex, race and date of birth;
 - the crime for which the petitioner was arrested;
 - (5)the date of the petitioner's arrest; and
 - the identity of the arresting law enforcement agency.

There shall be no docket fee for filing a petition pursuant to this seetion. Any person who may have relevant information about the petitioner may testify at the hearing. The court may inquire into the background of the petitioner.

- (c) At the hearing on a petition for expungement, the court shall order the arrest record and subsequent court proceedings, if any, expunged upon finding: (1) The arrest occurred because of mistaken identity;
 - a court has found that there was no probable cause for the arrest;
 - the petitioner was found not guilty in court proceedings; or (3)
- the expungement would be in the best interests of justice and (A) Charges have been dismissed; or (B) no charges have been or are likely to be filed.
- (d) When the court has ordered expungement of an arrest record and subsequent court proceedings, if any, the order shall state the information required to be stated in the petition and shall state the grounds for expungement under subsection (c). The clerk of the court shall send a certified copy of the order to the Kansas bureau of investigation which shall notify the federal bureau of investigation, the secretary of corrections and any other criminal justice agency which may have a record of the arrest. If an order of expungement is entered, the petitioner shall be treated as not having been arrested.
- (e) If the ground for expungement is as provided in subsection (c)(4), the court shall determine whether, in the interests of public welfare, the records should be available for any of the following purposes: (1) In any application for employment as a detective with a private detective agency, as defined in K.S.A. 75-7b01 and amendments thereto; as security personnel with a private patrol operator, as defined by K.S.A. 75-7b01 and

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amendments thereto; or with an institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01 and amendments thereto, of the department of social and rehabilitation services:

- (2) in any application for admission, or for an order of reinstatement, to the practice of law in this state;
- (3) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for employment with the Kansas lottery or for work in sensitive areas within the Kansas lottery as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the Kansas lottery;
- (4) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications for executive director of the Kansas racing commission, for employment with the commission or for work in sensitive areas in parimutuel racing as deemed appropriate by the executive director of the commission, or to aid in determining qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure by the commission;
- in any application for a commercial driver's license under K.S.A. 8-2,125 through 8-2,142 and amendments thereto;
- (6) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of the state gaming agency;
- (7) to aid in determining the petitioner's qualifications to be an employee of a tribal gaming commission or to hold a license issued pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact; or
 - in any other circumstances which the court deems appropriate.
- Subject to any disclosures required under subsection (e), in any application for employment, license or other civil right or privilege, or any appearance as a witness, a person whose arrest records have been expunged as provided in this section may state that such person has never been arrested.
- (g) Whenever a petitioner's arrest records have been expunged as provided in this section, the custodian of the records of arrest, incarceration due to arrest or court proceedings related to the arrest, shall not disclose the arrest or any information related to the arrest, except as directed by the order of expungement or when requested by the person whose arrest record was expunged.
- (h) The docket fee collected at the time the petition for expungement is filed shall be disbursed in accordance with K.S.A. 20-362, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 28-172a is hereby amended to read as follows: 28-172a. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, whenever the prosecuting witness or defendant is adjudged to pay the costs in a criminal proceeding in any county, a docket fee shall be taxed as follows: 42Murder or manslaughter..... \$164.50

43 Other felony..... 147.00 155.00

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 Misdemeanor.
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 Appeals from other courts.
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- (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), in actions involving the violation of any of the laws of this state regulating traffic on highways (including those listed in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-2118, and amendments thereto), a cigarette or tobacco infraction, any act declared a crime pursuant to the statutes contained in chapter 32 of Kansas Statutes Annotated and amendments thereto or any act declared a crime pursuant to the statutes contained in article 8 of chapter 82a of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, whenever the prosecuting witness or defendant is adjudged to pay the costs in the action, a docket fee of \$55 \$59 shall be charged. When an action is disposed of under subsections (a) and (b) of K.S.A. 8-2118 or subsection (f) of K.S.A. 79-3393, and amendments thereto, whether by mail or in person, the docket fee to be paid as court costs shall be \$55 \$59.
- (2) In actions involving the violation of a moving traffic violation under K.S.A. 8-2118, and amendments thereto, as defined by rules and regulations adopted under K.S.A. 8-249, and amendments thereto, whenever the prosecuting witness or defendant is adjudged to pay the costs in the action, a docket fee of \$55 \$59 shall be charged. When an action is disposed of under subsection (a) and (b) of K.S.A. 8-2118, and amendments thereto, whether by mail or in person, the docket fee to be paid as court costs shall be \$55 \$59.
- (c) If a conviction is on more than one count, the docket fee shall be the highest one applicable to any one of the counts. The prosecuting witness or defendant, if assessed the costs, shall pay only one fee. Multiple defendants shall each pay one fee.
- (d) Statutory charges for law library funds, the law enforcement training center fund, the prosecuting attorneys' training fund, the juvenile detention facilities fund, the judicial branch education fund, the emergency medical services operating fund and the judiciary technology fund shall be paid from the docket fee; the family violence and child abuse and neglect assistance and prevention fund fee shall be paid from criminal proceedings docket fees. All other fees and expenses to be assessed as additional court costs shall be approved by the court, unless specifically fixed by statute. Additional fees shall include, but are not limited to, fees for Kansas bureau of investigation forensic or laboratory analyses, fees for detention facility processing pursuant to K.S.A. 12-16,119, and amendments thereto, fees for the sexual assault evidence collection kit, fees for conducting an examination of a sexual assault victim, fees for service of process outside the state, witness fees, fees for transcripts and depositions, costs from other courts, doctors' fees and examination and evalu-

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ation fees. No sheriff in this state shall charge any district court of this state a fee or mileage for serving any paper or process.

- (e) In each case charging a violation of the laws relating to parking of motor vehicles on the statehouse grounds or other state-owned or operated property in Shawnee county, Kansas, as specified in K.S.A. 75-4510a, and amendments thereto, or as specified in K.S.A. 75-4508, and amendments thereto, the clerk shall tax a fee of \$2 which shall constitute the entire costs in the case, except that witness fees, mileage and expenses incurred in serving a warrant shall be in addition to the fee. Appearance bond for a parking violation of K.S.A. 75-4508 or 75-4510a, and amendments thereto, shall be \$3, unless a warrant is issued. The judge may order the bond forfeited upon the defendant's failure to appear, and \$2 of any bond so forfeited shall be regarded as court costs.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 60-2001 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-2001. (a) *Docket fee*. Except as otherwise provided by law, no case shall be filed or docketed in the district court, whether original or appealed, without payment of a docket fee in the amount of \$106 \$145 to the clerk of the district court.
- (b) Poverty affidavit in lieu of docket fee. (1) Effect. In any case where a plaintiff by reason of poverty is unable to pay a docket fee, and an affidavit so stating is filed, no fee will be required. An inmate in the custody of the secretary of corrections may file a poverty affidavit only if the inmate attaches a statement disclosing the average account balance, or the total deposits, whichever is less, in the inmate's trust fund for each month in (A) the six-month period preceding the filing of the action; or (B) the current period of incarceration, whichever is shorter. Such statement shall be certified by the secretary. On receipt of the affidavit and attached statement, the court shall determine the initial fee to be assessed for filing the action and in no event shall the court require an inmate to pay less than \$3. The secretary of corrections is hereby authorized to disburse money from the inmate's account to pay the costs as determined by the court. If the inmate has a zero balance in such inmate's account, the secretary shall debit such account in the amount of \$3 per filing fee as established by the court until money is credited to the account to pay such docket fee. Any initial filing fees assessed pursuant to this subsection shall not prevent the court, pursuant to subsection (d), from taxing that individual for the remainder of the amount required under subsection (a) or this subsection.
- (2) Form of affidavit. The affidavit provided for in this subsection shall be in the following form and attached to the petition:

41 State of Kansas, _____ County.

In the district court of the county: I do solemnly swear that the claim set forth in the petition herein is just, and I do further swear that, by reason of my poverty, I am unable to

pay a docket fee.

- (c) Disposition of fees. The docket fees and the fees for service of process shall be the only costs assessed in each case for services of the clerk of the district court and the sheriff. For every person to be served by the sheriff, the persons requesting service of process shall provide proper payment to the clerk and the clerk of the district court shall forward the service of process fee to the sheriff in accordance with K.S.A. 28-110, and amendments thereto. The service of process fee, if paid by check or money order, shall be made payable to the sheriff. Such service of process fee shall be submitted by the sheriff at least monthly to the county treasurer for deposit in the county treasury and credited to the county general fund. The docket fee shall be disbursed in accordance with K.S.A. 20-362 and amendments thereto.
- (d) Additional court costs. Other fees and expenses to be assessed as additional court costs shall be approved by the court, unless specifically fixed by statute. Other fees shall include, but not be limited to, witness fees, appraiser fees, fees for service of process, fees for depositions, alternative dispute resolution fees, transcripts and publication, attorney fees, court costs from other courts and any other fees and expenses required by statute. All additional court costs shall be taxed and billed against the parties as directed by the court. No sheriff in this state shall charge any mileage for serving any papers or process.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 61-2704 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-2704. (a) An action seeking the recovery of a small claim shall be considered to have been commenced at the time a person files a written statement of the person's small claim with the clerk of the court if, within 90 days after the small claim is filed, service of process is obtained or the first publication is made for service by publication. Otherwise, the action is deemed commenced at the time of service of process or first publication. An entry of appearance shall have the same effect as service.
- (b) Upon the filing of a plaintiff's small claim, the clerk of the court shall require from the plaintiff a docket fee of \$26 \$28, if the claim does not exceed \$500; or \$46 \$48, if the claim exceeds \$500; unless for good cause shown the judge waives the fee. The docket fee shall be the only costs required in an action seeking recovery of a small claim. No person may file more than 10 small claims under this act in the same court during any calendar year.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 61-4001 is hereby amended to read as follows: 61-4001. (a) Docket fee. No case shall be filed or docketed pursuant to the code of civil procedure for limited actions without the payment of a docket fee in the amount of \$26 \$28, if the amount in controversy or claimed does not exceed \$500; \$46 \$48, if the amount in controversy or claimed exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$5,000; or \$76

- \$92, if the amount in controversy or claimed exceeds \$5,000. If judgment is rendered for the plaintiff, the court also may enter judgment for the plaintiff for the amount of the docket fee paid by the plaintiff.
 - (b) Poverty affidavit; additional court costs. The provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of K.S.A. 60-2001, and amendments thereto, shall be applicable to lawsuits brought under the code of civil procedure for limited actions.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 75-3120f is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-3120f. (a) The annual salary of the chief justice of the supreme court and each of the other justices of the supreme court shall be paid in equal installments each payroll period in accordance with this section.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments thereto, the annual salary of the chief justice of the supreme court shall be \$84,278 \$133,528 [\$130,389].
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments thereto, the annual salary of other justices of the supreme court shall be \$82,005 \$130,033 [\$127,212].
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-3120g is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-3120g. (a) The annual salary of district judges shall be paid in equal installments each payroll period in accordance with this section.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments thereto, the annual salary of district judges, other than district judges designated as chief judges, shall be \$71,291 \$113,555 [\$112,232].
- 24 (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments 25 thereto, the annual salary of district judges designated as chief judges 26 shall be \$72,105 \$117,005 [\$113,368].
 - (d) No county may supplement the salary of, or pay any compensation to, any district judge.
 - Sec. 10. K.S.A. 75-3120h is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-3120h. (a) The annual salary of the chief judge of the court of appeals and each of the other judges of the court of appeals shall be paid in equal installments each payroll period in accordance with this section.
 - (b) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments thereto, the annual salary of the chief judge of the court of appeals shall be \$81,235 \$128,847 [\$126,134].
- 36 (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments 37 thereto, the annual salary of the other judges of the court of appeals shall 38 be \$79,079 \$125,530 [\$123,118].
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 75-3120k is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-3120k. (a) The annual salary of district magistrate judges shall be paid in equal installments each payroll period in accordance with this section.
- 43 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) and except as otherwise

- provided in K.S.A. 75-3120l and amendments thereto, the annual salary of district magistrate judges shall be \$47,416 \$53,722 [\$57,838].
- 3 (c) Within the limits of the appropriations therefor, the county or 4 counties comprising the judicial district may supplement the salary of, or 5 pay any compensation to, any district magistrate judge.
- 6 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 21-4619 as amended by section 59 of 7 chapter 54 of the 2004 session laws of Kansas and K.S.A. 75-3120f and 8 75-3120h and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 20-367, 21-4619, 22-2410, 28-172a, 60-9 2001, 61-2704, 61-4001, 75-3120g and 75-3120k are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.