

SENATE BILL No. 45

By Senator Journey

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10 AN ACT concerning district courts; relating to the chief judge; amending
11 K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-329 and repealing the existing section.

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

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-329 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 20-329. ~~In every~~ **(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), in**
16 **every judicial district, the supreme court shall designate a district**
17 **judge as the chief judge of such district.**

18 **(b) In the 18th** judicial district, the ~~supreme court shall designate a~~
19 ~~district judge as~~ *district judges of such judicial district shall elect a district*
20 *judge to serve as the chief judge of such judicial district. The chief judge*
21 *shall serve for a term of two years. If the chief judge is not reelected or*
22 *retained in office or resigns or declines to serve, the district judges of such*
23 *judicial district shall elect another district judge to serve as the chief judge.*
24 *District judges designated as chief judges on July 1, 2006, shall serve for*
25 *the remainder of such judge's existing term. (c) The chief judge who shall*
26 *have general control over the assignment of cases within the district, sub-*
27 *ject to supervision by the supreme court. Within guidelines established*
28 *by statute, rule of the supreme court or the district court, the chief judge*
29 *of each district court shall be responsible for and have general supervisory*
30 *authority over the clerical and administrative functions of such court.*

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-329 is hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.