

SESSION OF 2003

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 19

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 19 raises the mandatory retirement age for judges to 75 years of age.

Background

The bill was requested by the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA). A representative of OJA said the current retirement age which allows judges who reach age 70 to continue until the end of his or her term is somewhat of a lottery. The current retirement age is dependent upon the birth date and term commencement. The mandatory retirement age can vary from age 70 to age 76. SB 19 would establish a uniform retirement age for all judges.

The bill has no fiscal impact.

*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/kldr>