

February 15, 2012

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 559-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:


SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 423 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 423 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Current law requires that each judicial district in Kansas have a specified number of district judges. SB 423 would remove the number specified for each district and allow the Supreme Court to allocate all judicial resources as it determines necessary and appropriate.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of SB 423 would not result in additional expenditures or revenues for the Judicial Branch. The Office indicates that passage of the bill would not guarantee budgetary savings; however, because the bill would remove mandates in current law regarding where judges must be located, it would allow the Supreme Court to make better use of its current resources.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary