

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Tim Carmody at 3:30 p.m. on January 27, 2000 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Andrew Howell - Excused  
Representative Phill Kline - Excused  
Representative Mike O'Neal - Excused  
Representative Rick Rehorn - Excused  
Representative Candy Ruff - Excused  
Representative Dale Swenson - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Laura McClure  
Gerald Goodell, Kansas Judicial Council, Probate Law Advisory Committee  
Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association

Representative Laura McClure requested a committee bill be introduced which would change "individual" to "persons" in the Crime Victims Restitution Laws so corporations may receive assistance in replacing or repairing damage to their property. (Attachment 1)

Representative Gregory made the motion to have the request introduced as a committee bill. Representative Crow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hearing on **HB 2671 - Technical changes to Chapter 59 necessitated by passage of the Kansas Estate Tax Act**, was opened.

Gerald Goodell, Kansas Judicial Council, Probate Law Advisory Committee, informed the committee that this bill was for technical changes. The first change would be to insert July 1, 1998 to clarify its applicability. The second change was to insert the phrase "estate tax or" in line 35 so Kansas has both the estate tax and the inheritance tax. The last technical change was to add the phrase "for decedents dying before July 1, 1998" so the inheritance tax applies only to decedents dying before that date. (Attachment 2)

Hearing on **HB 2671** was closed.

Hearing on **HB 2672 - Estate tax amendments**, was opened.

Gerald Goodell, Kansas Judicial Council, Probate Law Advisory Committee, he explained that the proposed bill was also clean-up amendments. It makes Kansas' Estate Tax consistent with federal law. (Attachment 3)

Hearing on **HB 2672** was closed.

Hearings on **HB 2673 - Increasing the dollar amounts in the probate code**, was opened.

Gerald Goodell, Kansas Judicial Council, Probate Law Advisory Committee, stated that the changes deal with increasing the dollar amounts in different areas in the probate code. The dollar amounts have not been changed for a period of many years. (Attachment 4)

Kathy Olsen, Kansas Bankers Association, appeared before the committee in support of the bill. She requested an amendment which would place the definition in statute of who "surviving heirs" includes and what is meant by "total

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assets of the estate”. (Attachment 5)

Hearing on **HB 2673** was closed.

**HB 2671- Technical changes to Chapter 59 necessitated by passage of the Kansas Estate Tax Act**

Representative Powell made the motion to report **HB 2671** favorably for passage. Representative Lightner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**HB 2672 - Estate tax amendments**

Representative Powell made the motion to report **HB 2672** favorably for passage. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2000.