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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary  
From: Jason Thompson, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 28, 2020  
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 269

Senate Bill 269 increases the mandatory retirement age for judges to 80 years of age.

The bill amends K.S.A. 20-2608, a statute concerning the retirement system for judges. Current law provides that a judge upon reaching age 75 shall retire, except that “such judge may, if such judge desires, finish serving the term during which such judge attains the age of 75.” The bill amends age 75 to age 80 and strikes the language allowing the judge to finish serving the term during which the judge reaches that age.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 20-2601(c), "judge" in K.S.A. 20-2608 means justice of the supreme court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the district court, and district magistrate judge.