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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2652

House Bill 2652 requires the clerk of the appellate courts to publish monthly a list of cases of the supreme court and court of appeals in which a decision has not been entered and filed within six months of submission and a list of cases in which a petition for review has not been granted or denied within six months of submission.

The bill amends K.S.A. 20-3301, a statute related to time limits for court decisions. Under current law: (1) A district court shall enter and file its decision on motions and non-jury trials within 120 days after the matter is submitted for decision; (2) the court of appeals shall render and file its decision on motions and appeals within 180 days after the matter is submitted for decision; and (3) the supreme court shall render and file its decision on motions and appeals within 180 days after the matter is submitted for decision.

The bill requires the clerk of the appellate courts to publish monthly a list of cases of the supreme court and court of appeals in which a decision has not been entered and filed within six months of the date that the case was submitted for decision. The monthly list of cases published by the clerk shall include the case name, case number, the date that the case was submitted for decision and, if before the court of appeals, the panel of judges who heard the case. The monthly list shall be publicly available on the supreme court's internet website. This posting shall remain publicly viewable until the case is decided. The clerk shall also transmit each monthly list of cases to the standing judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate, the speaker of the house, the president of the senate, the attorney general and the governor. An appeal shall be deemed submitted for decision on the earlier of the date that the: (1) Court announces on the record in open court, at the conclusion of oral argument, that the matter is submitted for decision; or (2) last memorandum or other document is permitted to be filed. If no oral argument is conducted, an appeal shall be deemed submitted for decision as of the date that the case is considered on a nonargued calendar.

The bill also requires the clerk of the appellate courts to publish monthly a list of cases in which a petition for review has not been granted or denied within six months of the date that the petition was submitted for a decision. The monthly list of pending petitions published by the clerk shall include the case name, case number and the date that the petition was submitted for a decision. The monthly list shall be publicly available on the supreme court's internet website. This posting shall remain publicly viewable until the petition is granted or denied. The clerk shall also transmit each monthly list of pending petitions to the standing judiciary committees of the house of representatives and the senate, the speaker of the house, the president of the senate, the attorney general and the governor. A petition for review shall be deemed submitted for decision on the earlier of the date that: (1) Any responsive pleading to the petition is filed; or (2) the time for filing any responsive pleading to the petition expires.