

HOUSE BILL No. 2377

By Representative O'Neal

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9 AN ACT concerning the courts; relating to the judicial administrator;
10 amending K.S.A. 20-318 and repealing the existing section.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 20-318 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-
14 318. (a) There is hereby created within the state of Kansas, a judicial
15 department for the supervision of all courts in the state of Kansas. The
16 supreme court shall divide the state into separate sections, not to exceed
17 six ~~(6)~~ in number, to be known as judicial departments, each of which
18 shall be assigned a designation to distinguish it from the other depart-
19 ments. A justice of the supreme court shall be assigned as departmental
20 justice for each judicial department.

21 (b) There is created hereby the position of judicial administrator of
22 the courts, who shall be appointed ~~by the chief justice of the~~ *and serve*
23 *as determined by the* supreme court ~~to serve at the will of the chief justice.~~
24 The judicial administrator shall have a broad knowledge of judicial ad-
25 ministration and substantial prior experience in an administrative capac-
26 ity. No person appointed as judicial administrator shall engage in the
27 practice of law while serving in such capacity. Compensation of the ju-
28 dicial administrator shall be determined by the justices, but shall not
29 exceed the salary authorized by law for the judge of the district court.
30 The judicial administrator shall be responsible to the ~~chief justice of the~~
31 supreme court of the state of Kansas, and shall implement the policies of
32 the court with respect to the operation and administration of the courts,
33 under the supervision of the chief justice. ~~Said~~ *The* administrator shall
34 perform such other duties as are provided by law or assigned ~~him or her~~
35 by the supreme court or the chief justice. Expenditures from appropri-
36 ations for district court operations to be paid by the state shall be made
37 on vouchers approved by the judicial administrator. All claims for salaries,
38 wages or other compensation for district court operations to be paid by
39 the state shall be certified as provided in K.S.A. 75-3731, *and amendments*
40 *thereto*, by the judicial administrator.

41 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 20-318 is hereby repealed.

42 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
43 publication in the statute book.