

## SENATE BILL No. 533

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT creating a citizens commission on separation of powers; pre-  
10 scribing powers and duties and providing for payment of certain  
11 expenses.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. There is hereby established a citizens commission to con-  
15 duct an extensive study of the separation of powers pertaining to the three  
16 branches of government of the state of Kansas. Considering the consti-  
17 tution and statutes of the state of Kansas, plus the current operations of  
18 the various departments, agencies and other elements of state govern-  
19 ment, the citizens commission is to provide recommendations regarding  
20 desirable changes in state organizations and procedures. The citizens  
21 commission shall meet as needed and shall submit an interim report to  
22 the legislature by the commencement of the 2007 legislative session and  
23 a briefing to the legislative coordinating council at its September 2007  
24 meeting, with a final report to be submitted to the legislature prior to the  
25 commencement of the 2008 legislative session.

26 Sec. 2. The citizens commission shall be composed of twelve mem-  
27 bers as follows: Two members appointed by the governor; two members  
28 appointed by the president of the senate; two members appointed by the  
29 minority leader of the senate; two members appointed by the speaker of  
30 the house of representatives; two members appointed by the minority  
31 leader of the house of representatives and two members appointed by  
32 the chief justice of the Kansas supreme court. The citizens commission  
33 shall be appointed within 30 days after the effective date of this act. The  
34 citizens commission shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. Staff  
35 support and assistance shall be provided as authorized by the legislative  
36 coordinating council.

37 Sec. 3. Members of the citizens commission shall receive subsistence  
38 and per diem compensation, as appropriate, as provided in K.S.A. 75-  
39 3207, 75-3212 and 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

40 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
41 publication in the statute book.