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MINUTES OF THE ____House COMMITTEE ON ____Judiciary_____.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Joe Knopp Chairperson

12:00 NOON MARKET NOON March 28 , 1985 in room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Harper was excused.

Committee staff present:
Jerry Donaldson, Legislative Research Department
Mike Heim, Legislative Research Department
Mary Ann Torrence, Revisor of Statutes Office
Mary Hack, Revisor of Statutes Office
Becca Conrad, Secretary
Conferees appearing before the committee:

 $\underline{\text{SB }40}$ - Concerning probate procedure; providing for procedures for informal administration of estates; relating to other procedures for administration of estates.

The Chairman reviewed the proposed amendments that were previously presented as shown in Attachment No. $1.\,$

Representative Walker made a motion to adopt the amendments as shown in the balloon (Attachment No. 1). Representative Wunsch seconded the motion and it carried.

Representative Wunsch made a motion to amend New Section 3 to allow waiver of notice regardless of the type of property a person has. It was seconded by Representative 0'Neal and carried.

Representative Wunsch made a motion to pass the bill favorably with amendments and it was seconded by Representative Walker. The motion carried.

SB 37 - Concerning civil procedure; relating to subpoena of certain records.

Representative Bideau made a motion to adopt language in this bill concerning worker compensation cases. Representative O'Neal seconded this motion.

Upon discussion, it was clarified that it would not be necessary for the "keeper of the records" to accompany the records when there is a subpoena of these records but they could still accompany the records and testify in court when desired. It was decided that this was an acceptable bill and rather than tie it up, Representative Bideau withdrew his motion.

Representative Shriver made a motion to adopt the amendments proposed by Marjorie Van Buren. It includes the following: page 2, line 67, where they will require the copies to be returned, they require the name and address of the witness as well as notification of whether return of the copy is desired, and that language is incorporated at other places to make it consistent. It was seconded by Representative Luzzati and carried.

Representative Luzzati made a motion to pass SB 37 favorably as amended and it was seconded by Representative Vancrum. The motion carried.

SB 153 - Concerning courts; relating to qualifications of justices and judges.

Representative Duncan made a motion to pass this bill out favorably.

There was discussion on the following: why a judge should be limited when the purpose of election is for the people to choose; Section 15, article 3 concerning whether a judge can rehabilitate himself or herself sufficient to be qualified to run for office again; the high expectations of a judge and what determines whether a judge should be removed; and a second chance given to judges in situations that they can correct, such as alcoholism.

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The motion was seconded by Representative Shriver and it carried by a vote of twelve to six. Representative Douville requested that he be recorded as voting "no".

 $\underline{\text{SB }51}$ - Concerning support of certain persons; relating to orders for child support or maintenance; providing for enforcement thereof.

Representative Wagnon was the chairman of the subcommittee assigned on this bill which consisted also of Representatives Vancrum, O'Neal and Whiteman.

Representative Wagnon said the subcommittee worked for several hours on this and said the major areas they worked on are as follows: 1.) they tried to reconcile the opinions and concerns expressed by the business community concerning the automatic wage withholding; 2.) concern on part of Divorced Dads of Topeka that visitation rights also be addressed; and 3.) a number of technical changes. She explained these amendments which are shown on Attachment No. 2.

There was further discussion on firing employees who have garnishments on their wages, an expedited judicial process versus an expedited administrative process, contempt citations, and whether the district magistrate judges should be hearing the child support/visitation issues.

The Chairman announced that they will continue this on Monday and also take up SB 51, SB 72 and SB 267. He also reminded the committee of the regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. today.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

of it and access to it. Such will may be admitted to probate as to of it and access to it. Such will may be admitted to probate as to any innocent beneficiary on petition for probate by any such beneficiary, if such petition is filed within ninety (90) 90 days after such beneficiary has knowledge of such will and access thereto and within five years after the death of the testator to it, except that the title of, any purchaser in good faith, without knowledge of such will, to any property derived from the fiduciary, heirs, devisees, or legatees of the decedent, shall not be defeated by the production of the will after the expiration of nine petition for probate thereof of the will after the expiration of nine of the decedent.

Sec. 10. On and after January 1, 1986, K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 0209 59-618a is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-618a. (a) Whenever a decedent dies testate; Any person possessing the a 0211 decedent's will may file in the district court of the county of the 0212 decedent's last residence the decedent's will and an affidavit 0213 which complies with subsection (b) if the decedent's estate 0214 contains no real property and the value of the decedent's estate 0215 is less than the total of all demands enumerated in K.S.A. 0216 59-1301 and amendments thereto.

(b) An affidavit filed pursuant to this section shall state: (1)

The name, residence address and date and place of death of the

decedent; (2) the names, addresses and relationship relation
ships of all the decedent's heirs, legatees and devisees which are

known to the affiant after a diligent search and inquiry; (2) (3) the

name and address of any trustee of any trust established under

the will; (3) (4) the property left by the decedent and its approx
imate valuation; (4) (5) the approximate amount and nature of any

demands enumerated in K.S.A. 59-1301 and amendments thereto

which were outstanding against the decedent's estate upon the

decedent's death; and (5) (6) that the will is being filed with the

district court for the purpose of preserving it for record in the

event that formal probate proceedings are later required; and (7)

that a copy of the affidavit and will has been mailed to each

heir, legatee and devisee named in the affidavit.

(c) The fee for filing a will and affidavit pursuant to this

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0233 section shall be \$35.

- (d) Upon receipt of a will and affidavit filed pursuant to this section, the court shall file the will and affidavit in its records and shall give notice thereof to all heirs, legatees, devisees and trustees named in the affidavit.
- (e) If within nine months after the filing of a will and 0839 affidavit pursuant to this section, no person has petitioned for the 0240 probate of the will, the heirs, legatees and devisees named in the 0241 will and any trustee of any trust established under the will may 0242 by unanimous written agreement declare the will void. In such 0243 ease the court shall distribute the assets of the estate under the 0244 terms of a settlement agreement or by proceedings to determine 0245 descent as provided in K.S.A. 59 2250 and amendments thereto. Sec. 11. K.S.A. 59-803 is hereby amended to read as follows: 0247 59-803. The title of any purchaser in good faith, without knowl-0248 edge of a will, to any real estate situated in this state, derived 0249 from the heirs of any person not domiciled in this state at the 0250 time of his or her the person's death, shall not be defeated by the 0251 production of the will of such the decedent unless a petition 0252 shall be made for the probate of such will in this state is filed 0253 within nine (9) six months from the death of the testator.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 59-808 is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-808. (a) The personal representative of a nonresident decedent appointed by a court of this state is entitled to possession of all real and personal property of the decedent within the juris-diction of this state and, subject to the laws of this state and the orders of such court, is entitled to all the rights the decedent had therein in that property.
 - (b) The personal representative shall:
- (1) Marshal all such the decedent's personal property and shall within one (1) year from the date of death take possession thereof; the same of it, to be held, administered and finally distributed as provided by law. He or she shall; (2) pay the taxes and collect the rents and earnings thereon on the property until the estate is settled or until delivered by order of the court to the heirs, devisees; and legatees. He or she shall; and (3) keep in tenantable repair the buildings and fixtures under his or her the

(d) Any will filed pursuant to this section within a period of six months after the death of the testator may be admitted to probate after such six-month period.

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legatees entitled to the estate and assign the same it to them by its decree, pursuant to the terms of the will, the laws of intestate succession in effect on the date of the decedent's death or a valid settlement agreement. The decree shall name the heirs, devisees; and legatees;; describe the property;; and state the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled. Said The decree shall be binding as to all the estate of the decedent, whether specifically described in the proceedings or not. In the estate of a testate decedent, no heirs need be named in the decree unless they have, as such, an interest in the estate.

No final decree shall be entered until after the determination of one of the operation of operation operation of operation operati

In the event that If any person entitled to receive a distributive share of an estate pursuant to a decree hereunder is the defendant in a garnishment action or proceeding wherein in which the executor or administrator of the estate is the garnishee, said the person's distributive share shall be subject to the order of garnishment served upon the executor or administrator, and no property or funds of the estate shall be delivered or paid over to said the person until further order of the court from which the order of garnishment was issued.

Sec. 41. K.S.A. 59-2250 is hereby amended to read as fol-0262 lows: 59-2250. Whenever any person has been dead for more 0263 than nine (9) six months and has left property; or any interest 0264 therein; in property and no petition has been filed for the 0265 probate of a will nor administration commenced in this state, or 0266 in which administration has been had without a determination of 0267 the descent of such property, any person interested in the estate, 0268 or claiming an interest in such property, may petition the district 0269 court of the county of the decedent's residence, or of any county

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wherein real estate of the decedent is situated, to determine its 0271 descent under the laws of intestate succession or under the 0272 terms of a valid settlement agreement.

Sec. 42. K.S.A. 59-2251 is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-2251. Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall fix 0275 the time and place for the hearing thereof, notice of which shall 0276 be given pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2209 and amendments thereto. 0277 Upon proof of the petition, the court shall allow the same it and 0278 enter its the court's decree assigning the property to the persons 0279 entitled thereto at the time of the decedent's death pursuant to 0280 the law of intestate succession then in force in effect on the date 0281 of the decedent's death or a valid settlement agreement. Unless 0282 the death of the decedent has occurred more than ten (10) 10 years prior to the decree of descent, no decree shall be entered until after the determination and payment of inheritance taxes. Sec. 43. K.S.A. 59-2252 is hereby amended to read as fol-0286 lows: 59-2252. A party against whom a judgment or decree has 0287 been rendered in proceedings to determine the persons entitled 0288 to the real property of a decedent, without other service than publication in a newspaper, may at any time within one year after the date of the judgment or decree have the same it opened or set aside and be let in to defend. Before such judgment or decree shall be is opened or set aside, the respondent shall: (1) Give notice to the adverse party of his or her the respondent's 0294 intention to make such application; and shall; (2) file a full 0295 answer to the petition or other pleading; (3) pay all costs of such 0296 proceeding if the court require requires them to be paid, and shall; and (4) make it appear to the satisfaction of the court, by affidavit, that during the pendency of the proceeding he or she 0299 the respondent had no actual notice thereof of it in time to 0300 appear in court and make his or her the respondent's defense; 0301 but. The title to any property, which is the subject of the 0302 judgment or decree sought to be opened or set aside; and which 0303 in consequence of said the judgment or decree shall have has 0304 passed to a purchaser in good faith, shall not, after the expiration 0305 of six months, be affected by any proceedings under this section. 0306 The adverse party, on the hearing of an application to open or set

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if:

- (a) No will has been filed under K.S.A. 59-618a and amendments thereto within six months after death;
- (b) no petition has been filed for the probate of a will in this state; and
- (c) no petition for administration has been filed in this state or administration has been had without a determination of the descent of the property.

As Amended by Senate Committee

Session of 1985

SENATE BILL No. 51

By Senators Ehrlich, Allen, Arasmith, Burke, Gordon, Harder, Hoferer, D. Kerr, F. Kerr, Langworthy, Montgomery, Morris, Salisbury, Talkington, Thiessen, Vidricksen, Walker, Werts and Winter

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0024 AN ACT concerning support of certain persons; relating to 0025 orders for child support or maintenance; providing for ten0026 forcement thereof; amending K.S.A. 23-452, 23-473, 23-475,
0027 38-1104 23-494, 23-496, 23-497, 23-499, 38-1103, 38-1104, 380028 1106, 39-718a, 39-755, 60-1610, 60-1612, 60-1613, 60-2310 and
0029 75-6202 and K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 20-302b, 23-493, 38-1512,
0030 38-1616, 39-709, 39-754 and 44-718 and repealing the existing
0031 sections.

0032 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. The purpose of sections 1 through 14 is to enhance the enforcement of all support obligations by providing a quick and effective procedure for withholding income to enforce orders of support.

0037 New Section 1 Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 13 14:

- (a) "Arrearage" means the total amount of unpaid support which is due and unpaid under an order of support, based upon the due date specified in the order for support or, if no specific date is stated in the order, the last day of the month in which the payment is to be made.
- 0043 (b) "Income" means any form of periodic payment to an 0044 individual, regardless of source, including but not limited to 0045 wages, salary, trust, royalty, commission, bonus, compensation as 0046 an independent contractor, workers' compensation; disability, 0047 annuity and retirement benefits and any other payments made 548 by any person, private entity or federal, state or local government

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and visitation

, maintenance and child visitation; concerning

44-718 and 60-2403

on or any agency or instrumentality thereof. "Income" does not include: (1) Any amounts required by law to be withheld, other than creditor claims, including but not limited to federal and state taxes, social security tax and other retirement and disability contributions; (2) any amounts exempted by federal law; (3) public assistance payments; and (4) unemployment insurance benefits except to the extent otherwise provided by law. Any other state or local laws which limit or exempt income or the amount or percentage of income that can be withheld shall not opply.

- 0059 (c) "Obligee" means the individual person or entity to whom 0060 a duty of support is owed.
- 0061 (d) "Obligor" means the individual any person who owes a 0062 duty to make payments under an order for support.
- (e) "Order for support" means any order of a court er, or of an administrative agency of another jurisdiction, authorized by law to issue such an order, which provides for payment of funds for the support of a child or-maintenance of a spouse or ex-spouser and includes such an order which provides for modification or resumption of a previously existing order; payment of an arrearage accrued under a previously existing order; a reimbursement order, including but not limited to an order established pursuant to K.S.A. 39-718a and amendments thereto; or an order established pursuant to K.S.A. 23-475 23-451 et seq. and amendments thereto.
- 0074 (f) "Payor" means any payor of income to an person or entity 0075 owing income to an obligor or any self-employed obligor.
- (g) "Public office" means any elected or appointed official of the state; or any political subdivision or agency of the state, or one any subcontractor thereof, who is or may become responsible by law for enforcement of, or who is or may become authorized to enforce, an order for support, including but not limited to the department of social and rehabilitation services, court trustees and, county or district attorneys and other subcontractors.
- 0083 (h) "Title IV-D cases" means those cases required by part D 984 of title IV of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 651 et 0085 seq.), as amended, to be processed by the department of social

, or for maintenance of a spouse or ex-spouse living with a child for whom an order of support is also being enforced,

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.86 and rehabilitation services under the state's plan for support 0087 enforcement.

New Sec. 23. (a) Upon entry of Any new or modified order for support entered on or after January 1, 1986, the court shull 0000 issue a separate order requiring shall include a provision for the withholding of income to enforce the order of support. Unless 0092 the order provides that it shall income withholding will take effect immediately, the order withholding shall take effect only 0094 upon: (1) Development of an arrearage in an amount equal to or 0095 greater than the amount of support payable for one month 30 0096 days; and (2) compliance with the requirements of this section.

(b) In any proceeding in which the court has issued an order 0098 for support but has not issued a conditional order requiring 0099 income withholding as provided by subsection (a), the obligee or 0100 a public office may apply for such an order by filing with the 0101 court an affidavit stating: (1) That an arrearage exists in an 0102 amount equal to or greater than the amount of support payable 0103 for one month; (2) that a notice of delinquency has been served 0104 on the obligor in accordance with subsection (f) and the date and 0105 type of service; (3) that the obligor has not filed a motion to stay service of the income withholding order; and (4) a percentage of 0107 the income or support order which shall be withheld by the payor to be applied toward liquidation of arrearages. Upon the filing of the affidavit, the court shall issue an order requiring the withholding of income without the requirement of a hearing, amendment of the support order or further notice to the obligor. 0111

The court shall not be relieved of its duty under this subsection to issue an income withholding order if the obligor pays the arrearage subsequent to receiving the notice of delinquency.

01-1-1 For purposes of this subsection, an arrearage shall be com-0115 puted on the basis of support payments due and unpaid on the date the notice of delinquency was served on the obligor. 0117

(c) An order issued under this section shall be directed to any 0118 0119 payor of the obligor and shall require the payor to withhold from 120 any income due, or to become due, to the obligee obligor a 0121 specified amount sufficient to satisfy the order of support and to 0122 defray any arrearage, subject to the limitations set forth in section 9123 4 5. The order shall include notice of and direction to comply 9124 with the provisions of sections 3 and 4 4 and 5.

- (d) An order issued under this section shall be served on the
 payor and returned by the officer making service in the same
 manner as an order of attachment.
- (e) An income withholding order issued under this section shall be binding on any existing or future payor on whom a copy of the order is served and shall require the continued withholding of income from each periodic payment of income until further order of the court. If the obligor changes employment or has a new source of income after an income withholding order is issued by the court, the new employer or income source, if known, must be served a copy of the income withholding order without the requirement of prior notice to the obligor.
- (f) No sworn affidavit shall be filed with the court issuing the 0137 0138 support order pursuant to subsection (b) unless it contains a 0139 declaration that the obligee or public office has served the 0140 obligor a written notice of delinquency because an arrearage 0141 exists in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of 0142 support payable for one month and that the notice was served on 0143 the obligor by certified mail, return receipt requested signed by the obligor, or in the manner for service of a summons pursuant 0145 to article 3 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated at least 0146 40 seven days before the date the affidavit is filed. If service is by 0147 certified mail, a copy of the return receipt shall be attached to the 0148 affidavit. The notice of delinquency served on the obligor must 0149 state: (1) The terms of the support order and the total arrearage as 0150 of the date the notice of delinquency was prepared; (2) the out amount of income that will be withheld; (3) that the provision for 0152 withholding applies to any current or subsequent payors; (4) the 0153 procedures available for contesting the withholding and that the 0154 only basis for contesting the withholding is a mistake of fact 0155 concerning the amount of the support order, the amount of the 0156 arrearage, the amount of income to be withheld or the proper 0157 identity of the obligor; (5) the period within which the obligor 0158 must file a motion to stay service of the income withholding 0159 order and that failure to file such motion take such action within

the specified time will result in payors' being ordered to begin withholding; and (6) the action which will be taken if the obligor contests the withholding.

In addition to any other penalty provided by law, the filing of o164 an affidavit with knowledge of falsity of the declaration of notice o165 is punishable as a contempt. The obligor may, at any time, waive o166 in writing the notice required by this subsection.

0167 (g) On request, an obligor may establish a withholding order 0168 which shall be honored by a payor regardless of whether there is 0169 an arrearage.

New Sec. 3 4. (a) It shall be the affirmative duty of any payor to respond within seven days to written requests for information presented by the obligee or public office concerning: (1) The full name of the obligor; (2) the current address of the obligor; (3) the obligor's social security number; (4) the obligor's work location; (5) the number of the obligor's claimed dependents; (6) the obligor's gross income; (7) the obligor's net income; (8) an itemized statement of deductions from the obligor's gor's income; (9) the obligor's pay schedule; and (10) the obligor's gor's health insurance coverage. This list is exemplary and not exclusive of the type of information the payor must provide.

order for withholding under this act to deduct and pay over income as provided in this section. The payor shall deduct the amount designated in the order for withholding beginning with the next payment of income which is payable to due the obligor after 40 secon days following service of the order on the payor. At the time the obligor is normally paid, the payor shall pay the amount withheld to the obligee, public office or clerk of court or other court trustee as directed by the order for withholding and in accordance with any subsequent notification received from the public office redirecting payments.

(b) (c) If the withholding is to collect current support and an one arrearage, the payor shall be required to withhold an amount of income equal to the order for support plus an additional sum, set out in the affidavit provided for in subsection (b) of section 2.3 as one a percentage of the amount of the support order, to be applied

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income owed the obligor

towards liquidation of arrearages. The payor shall withhold and pay over an amount sufficient to pay the current periodic support obligation. The additional amount to be applied toward liquidation of arrearages shall be withheld from each pay period. If the withholding is to collect an arrearage only, the payor shall be required to withhold an amount of income equal to a percentage of income set out in the affidavit provided for in ozo4 subsection (b) of section 23.

(e) (d) The payor shall continue to withhold income to be applied toward liquidation of arrearages that the amount of the arrearage stated in the income withholding order has been paid in full or until notice to discontinue that portion of the withholding attributable to arrearages is received from the obligee, public office or the court. After arrearages are paid in full, a withholding order requiring withholding for current support shall continue in the amount of the support order until further order of the court.

0214 (d) (e) From income due the obligor, the payor may withhold 0215 and retain to defray the payor's costs a cost recovery fee of \$2 for 0216 each withholding of income which shall be in addition to the 0217 amount withheld as support.

(e) (f) Any payor subject to withholding orders for more than 0219 one obligor may combine the withheld amounts in a single 0220 payment to each clerk of court or public office court trustee 0221 requesting the withholdings if the payor separately identifies the 0222 portion of the single payment which is attributable to each 0223 individual obligor.

0224 (f) (g) If more than one order for withholding requires with-0225 holding from the same source of income of a single obligor, the 0226 payor must comply on a first-come-first-served basis and must 0227 honor all withholding orders, subject to subsection (g).

0228 (g) (h) The entire sum withheld by the payor, including the 0229 cost recovery fee, shall not exceed the limits provided for under 0230 section 303(b) of the consumer credit protection act (15 U.S.C. 0231 1673(b)).

0231 (h) (i) The payor shall promptly notify the obligee, or public 233 office initiating the withholding order of the termination of the

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, as follows: (1) For withholding requested by an obligor under subsection (g) of section 3, \$5; and (2) for any other withholding under this act, \$2

the consumer credit protection act limitations as provided by subsection (h)

An income withholding order issued pursuant to this act shall not be considered a wage garnishment as defined in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 60-2310 and amendments thereto. If amounts of earnings required to be withheld in accordance with this act are less than the maximum amount of earnings which could be withheld according to the consumer credit protection act, the payor shall honor garnishments filed by other creditors to the extent that the total amount taken from earnings does not exceed consumer credit protection act limitations.

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0234 obligor's employment or other source of income and provide the 0235 obligor's last known address and the name and address of the 0236 individual's current employer, if known.

- 0237 (i) Any payor of income to an obligor shall cooperate with and 0238 provide relevant employment information to an obligee or public 0230 office seeking to use the provisions of this act to establish, 0240 maintain or reestablish an incoming withholding order.
- 0241 (j) Payment as required by an order for withholding issued 0242 under this act shall be a complete defense by the payor against 0243 any claims of the obligor or the obligor's creditors as to the sums 0244 paid.
- 0245 (k) If a payor fails to withhold and pay over income as 0246 required by a withholding order issued under any payor inten-0247 tionally violates the provisions of this act, the court shall enter a 0248 judgment against the payor for the total amount which should 0249 have been withheld and paid over and may enter judgment 0250 against the payor to the extent of the total arrearage owed.
- (1) Any payor who intentionally discharges, refuses to em-0252 ploy or takes disciplinary action against an obligor because of a 0253 withholding order issued under this act shall be guilty of a class 0254 A misdemennor subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$5,000 0255 and such other equitable relief as the court considers proper.
- New Sec. 45. (a) An income withholding order issued under this act shall have priority over any other legal process under state law against the same income. Withholding of income under this section shall be made without regard to any prior or sub-sequent garnishments, attachments, wage assignments or other claims of creditors.
- (b) Withholding of income under this section for an obligee or for the department of social and rehabilitation services acting on behalf of an obligee pursuant to K.S.A. 39-756 and amendonents thereto or enforcing an assignment of current support rights pursuant to K.S.A. 39-709 and amendments thereto shall have priority over the withholding of income for a public office to enforce current support shall have priority over the withholding of income for a public office holding of income for an obligee or public office seeking to octool collect assigned arrearages only.

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0271 (c) Except as provided by this act, any state law which limits 372 or exempts income from legal process or the amount or percent-0273 age of income that can be withheld shall not apply to withhold-0274 ing income under this act.

New Sec. 5 6. (a) An obligor may prevent an income with-0275 holding order issued under this section from being served on the payor by filing with the court a motion to stay service of the withholding order and serving a copy of the motion on the obligee or public office filing the notice of delinquency within 10 seven days after being served with the notice of delinquency. The grounds for obtaining the stay shall be limited to a showing of a mistake of fact in the notice of delinquency concerning the amount of the order for support, the amount of the arrearage, the amount of income to be withheld or the proper identity of the 0285 obligor. If the obligor files a motion to stay service of the income withholding order, the obligor shall specify the mistake of fact alleged to be the basis for the motion. If the amount of the order for support or the amount of the arrearage is challenged, the obligor shall specify the amount of the order for support or the arrearage which is uncontested.

(b) If the obligor files a motion to stay service of the with-0291 0202 holding order, the court, upon notice of the date, time and place of hearing to the obligor and the obligee or public office that filed the affidavit, shall hear the matter within 45 14 days after the obligor's motion is filed with the court. The court shall enter an order granting or denying relief, amending the notice of delinquency or otherwise resolving the matter. If the court finds that an arrearage existed when the notice of delinquency was served in an amount at least equal to one month's support obligation, the court shall order immediate service of the order for withholding. If the court cannot promptly resolve any dispute over the total amount of the arrearage, the court shall order 0303 immediate service of the order for withholding if the undisputed 0304 arrearage is at least equal to the amount of one month's support 0305 obligation and may continue the hearing on other disputed 0306 amounts the disputed arrearage. In any case, the court, within 45 days, must notify the obligor and the obligee or public office of ()

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osos whether or not the withholding is to occur within 45 days of the osos date the obligor was served the notice of delinquency. If the osio court upholds the issuance of a withholding order in a contested osii case, the court must include in its order notice of the time within osi2 which the withholding will begin and the information given to osi3 the payor as required in sections 3 and 4 4 and 5.

New Sec. 6 7. (a) At any time, an obligor, obligee or public office may petition the court to: (1) Modify, suspend or terminate the order for withholding because of a modification, suspension or termination of the underlying order for support; or (2) modify the amount of income withheld to reflect payment in full of the arrearage by income withholding or otherwise; or (3) suspend the order for withholding because of the inability to deliver income withheld to the obligee or children for a period of three months due to the obligee's failure to provide a mailing address or other means of delivery. If the withholding is suspended because payment is undeliverable, all undeliverable payments shall be returned to the obliger. If support payments are unobjected to the oblige, any such payments shall be held in trust by the court until the payments can be delivered.

- (b) The obligor may petition the court to terminate the with0329 holding of income because payments pursuant to the order for
 0330 withholding have been made for at least three years [12 months]
 0331 and all arrearages have been paid. Upon receipt of a petition
 0332 under this subsection, the court may suspend the order for
 0333 withholding unless it finds good cause for denying the petition
 0334 because of the obligor's payment history or otherwise. If a
 0335 withholding order is terminated for any reason and the obligor
 0336 subsequently becomes delinquent in the payment of the order
 0337 for support, the obligee or public office may obtain another order
 0338 for withholding by complying with all requirements for notice
 0339 and service pursuant to this act.
- 0340 (c) The clerk of court shall serve cause to be served on the 0341 payor a copy of any order entered pursuant to this section that 0342 affects the duties of the payor.
- New Sec. 78. If the court determines that income has been ost improperly withheld, the court may order the payor, the obligee,

the elerk of court or the public office, depending on person o public office who has possession of the income or who ultimately received it, to promptly refund the improperly withheld amoun to the obligor or, in the case of the obligee, to credit the amoun against the next regular support payment.

- New Sec. 8 9. (a) If an obligee is receiving income with holding payments under this act, the obligee shall give written notice of any change of address, within seven days after though the payor, if the obligee receives the payments direct from the payor or the public office or clerk of the district countries through which the obligee receives the payments.
- (b) An obligee who is or has been a recipient of aid t 0356 0357 dependent children assistance or whose child is or has been in 0358 the custody of the secretary of social and rehabilitation service pursuant to K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 38-1501 et seq. or 38-1601 et seq. and amendments thereto, If support rights are assigned to th 0361 secretary of social and rehabilitation services pursuant to K.S.A 0362 39-709 and amendments thereto, the obligee shall serve a copy c 0363 any notice of delinquency filed pursuant to this act on th 0364 secretary of social and rehabilitation services. If current suppor 0365 or all or a part of the arrearage remains assigned to the secretar 0366 of social and rehabilitation services pursuant to K.S.A. 39-70 0367 and amendments thereto and subject to K.S.A. 60-2403 and 0368 amendments thereto and the secretary has on file with the court 0369 notice of assignment as provided for in K.S.A. 39-754 and 0370 amendments thereto, payments from the payor shall be dis 0371 bursed as the notice of assignment directs. When the secretary c 0372 social and rehabilitation services is no longer authorized t 0373 receive payments for the obligee, the secretary shall provid 0374 written notice to the payor, or the clerk of the court disbursin 0375 the payments, to redirect all or part of the payments to the 0376 obligee.
- (c) The obligee or public office shall provide written notice to the payor and clerk of the court of any other support payment made, including but not limited to a setoff under federal or state law, a collection of unemployment compensation pursuant to K.S.A. 44-718 and amendments thereto or a direct payment from

court trustee or .

o382 the obligor. The clerk of the court issuing the support order or o383 other designated person shall record the amounts reported in o384 such notices as if the payment had been made through the court.

(d) Any public office and clerk of court which collects, dis-0386 burses or receives payments pursuant to orders for withholding 0387 shall maintain complete, accurate and clear records of all pay-0388 ments and their disbursement. Certified copies of payment rec-0389 ords maintained by a public office or clerk of court shall, without 0390 further proof, be admitted into evidence in any legal proceedings 0391 under this net which concern the issue of support.

New Sec. 9 10. An obligor whose income is being withheld 0393 or who has been served with a notice of delinquency under this 0394 act shall provide written notice to the obligee, the public office, 0395 or the clerk of court of any new payor or change of address, 0396 within seven days of the change.

New Sec. 40 11. If an obligor derives income from selforange employment, receives income from some source not subject to the jurisdiction of the court or receives income by any other orange method which makes the application of this act impracticable, orange of the court may require the obligor to post security or bond or give some other guarantee to secure the payment of current and overdue support. If the obligor fails to pay support as ordered, orange of the court may collect on the bond or may declare a forfeiture of all or a portion of the security or other guarantee and apply the orange of the support arrearage. An orange obligor who derives income from self-employment shall be suborange of the provisions of this act as a payor of income to the orange obligor's self.

New Sec. 11 12. (a) Nothing in this act shall limit the authority of an obligee or public office to use any and all civil and criminal remedies in addition to withholding to enforce an order for support including but not limited to the setoff provisions of K.S.A. 75-6201 et seq., and amendments thereto, and section 464 of part D of title IV of the federal social security act.

(b) Nothing in this act shall limit the filing of any action tomodify the support order by the obligor.

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(c) The rights, remedies, duties and penalties created by this

o419 act are in addition to and not in substitution for any other rights, 3420 remedies, duties and penalties created by any other law.

- (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed as invalidating any assignment of income executed prior to January 1, 1986, despite the priority status given to withholding orders under this act. New Sec. 12 13. (a) The judicial administrator and the secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall cooperate to design suggested legal forms and informational materials which describe procedures and remedies under this act for distribution to all parties in support actions.
- (b) The judicial administrator of the courts and the secretary 0429 of social and rehabilitation services shall enter into a contract to develop and maintain an automated management information system which will monitor support payments, maintain accurate records of support payments and permit prompt notice of arrearages in support payments. District courts, including court trustees, shall be subcontractors in the management information 0436 system and payments for their services shall be disbursed as directed by the judicial administrator. Unless good cause is shown, the secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall contract with court trustees for enforcement services. Subcon-0440 tractor employees determined necessary to the performance of the contract by the judicial administrator shall be state employees paid by county general funds. The provisions of K.S.A. 0443 20-358 and 20-359, and amendments thereto, shall apply. 0444 County expenditures for compensation of subcontractor employees may be paid during any budget year even though the expenditures were not included in the budget for that year. 0447 County general funds shall be promptly reimbursed for subcon-0448 tractor employee compensation cost from the subcontractor's 0449 payment plus a reasonable administrative fee for the county for 0450 acting as fiscal and reporting agent as determined necessary by 0451 the judicial administrator. The provisions of the Kansas court 0452 personnel rules, except for pay and classification plans, shall 0453 apply to subcontractor employees.
- New Sec. 43 14. The department of social and rehabilitation of services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services is designated as the state income withholding agency for the services are services as the state income withholding agency for the services are services as the services are services are services as the services are services are services as the services are services as the services are services as the services are services are services as the services are se

the purpose of keeping adequate records to document, track and monitor support payments in title IV-D cases and to initiate the income withholding process in such cases in title IV-D cases.

For the purpose of keeping adequate records to document, track and monitor support payments in title IV-D cases and for the purpose of initiating the income withholding process in such cases, the department may contract for the performance of all or a portion of the withholding agency function with existing title IV-D contractors or any newly created entity capable of providing such services.

New Sec. 44 15. The purpose of sections 44 through 26 15 through 27 is to enhance the enforcement of support obligations in cases being processed pursuant to title IV, part D, of the federal social security act (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., as amended, by providing a quick and effective procedure for the withholding of income derived in this jurisdiction to enforce support orders of other jurisdictions and by requiring that income withholding to enforce the support orders of this jurisdiction be sought in other jurisdictions. Sections 14 through 26 shall be construed liberally to effect that purpose.

0476 New Sec. 45 16. As used in sections 44 through 26 15 0477 through 27:

- 0478 (a) "Agency" means the state department of social and reha-0479 bilitation services or its contractors and, when the context re-0480 quires, either the court or agency of any other jurisdiction with 0481 functions similar to those defined in sections 44 through 26 15 0482 through 27, including the issuance and enforcement of support 0483 orders.
- 0484 (b) "Child" means any child, whether older or younger than 0485 the age of majority, with respect to whom a support order exists.
- 0486 (c) "Court" means the district court of this state and, when 0487 the context requires, either the court or agency of any other 0488 jurisdiction with functions similar to those defined in sections 44 0489 through 26 15 through 27, including the issuance and enforce-0490 ment of support orders.
- 0491 (d) "Income" means income as defined in section 4.2.
 - 2 (e) "Income derived in this jurisdiction" means any income,

os26 person designated by the secretary shall be filed with the notice os27 and shall state that there is an arrearage in an amount equal to or os28 greater than the amount of support payable for one month and os29 that a copy of the notice of lien has been sent by first-class mail to os30 the obligor at the obligor's last known address.

Upon the filing of the notice of lien in accordance with this subsection (a)(2) and payment of a fee of \$5, the notice of lien shall be retained by the office where filed and may be enforced and foreclosed in the same manner as a security agreement under the provisions of the uniform commercial code.

- 0836 (b) As used in this section:
- 0837 (1) "Aircraft" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 3-201 and 0838 amendments thereto.
- 0839 (2) "Vehicle" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 8-126 and 0840 amendments thereto.
- 0841 (3) "Vessel" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 82a-801 and 0842 amendments thereto.
- 0843 (4) "Arrearage," "obligee," "obligor" and "order for support" 0844 have the meanings provided by section 4.2.
- Sec. 30. K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 20-302b is hereby amended to 0846 read as follows: 20-302b. (a) A district magistrate judge shall 0847 have the jurisdiction, power and duty, in any case in which a 0848 violation of the laws of the state is charged, to conduct the trial 0849 of traffic infractions or misdemeanor charges and the prelimi-0850 nary examination of felony charges. In civil cases, a district 0851 magistrate judge shall have concurrent jurisdiction, powers and 0852 duties with a district judge, except that, unless otherwise spe-0853 cifically provided in subsection (b), a district magistrate judge 0854 shall not have jurisdiction or cognizance over the following 0855 actions:
- 0856 (1) Any action in which the amount in controversy, exclusive 0857 of interests and costs, exceeds \$5,000, except that in actions of 0858 replevin, the affidavit in replevin or the verified petition fixing 0859 the value of the property shall govern the jurisdiction; nothing 0860 in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting the power of a 0861 district magistrate judge to hear any action pursuant to the 0862 Kansas probate code;

- 0863 (2) actions against any officers of the state, or any subdivi-0864 sions thereof, for misconduct in office;
- 0865 (3) actions for specific performance of contracts for real 0866 estate;
- 0867 (4) actions in which title to real estate is sought to be re0868 covered or in which an interest in real estate, either legal or
 0869 equitable, is sought to be established, except that nothing in this
 0870 paragraph shall be construed as limiting the right to bring an
 0871 action for forcible detainer as provided in the acts contained in
 0872 article 23 of chapter 61 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
 0873 any acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto; and
 0874 nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting the
 0875 power of a district magistrate judge to hear any action pursuant
 0876 to the Kansas probate code;
- 0877 (5) actions to foreclose real estate mortgages or to establish 0878 and foreclose liens on real estate as provided in the acts con-0879 tained in article 11 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Anno-0880 tated, and any acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto;
- 0881 (6) actions for divorce, separate maintenance or custody of 0882 minor children, except that nothing in this paragraph shall be 0883 construed as limiting the power of a district magistrate judge to 0884 (A) hear any action pursuant to the Kansas code for care of children or the Kansas juvenile offenders code or (B) establish 0886 enforce or modify support obligations under K.S.A. 23-451 et 0887 seq., 38-1101 et seq., 39-718a, 39-755 or 60-1610, K.S.A. 1984
- 0888 Supp. 38-1542, 38-1543 or 38-1563 or sections I through 27, and

0889 amendments thereto;

- 0890 (7) habeas corpus;
- 0891 (8) receiverships;
- 0892 (9) change of name;
- 0893 (10) declaratory judgments;
- 0894 (11) mandamus and quo warranto;
- 0895 (12) injunctions;
- 0896 (13) class actions;
- 0897 (14) rights of majority; and
- 0898 (15) actions pursuant to the protection from abuse act.
- 0899 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), in th

; (B) establish support orders pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1101 et seq., 39-718a or 39-755 or K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 38-1542, 38-1543 or 38-1563, and amendments thereto; (C) enforce any child support or maintenance order; (D) modify any child support order; (E) establish and enforce support orders in interstate cases pursuant to K.S.A. 23-451 et seq. and sections 15 through 27, and amendments thereto; or (F) enforce orders granting a parent visitation rights to the parent's child

- 0900 absence, disability or disqualification of a district judge or asso 0901 ciate district judge, a district magistrate judge may:
- 0902 (1) Grant a restraining order, as provided in K.S.A. 60-902 0903 and amendments thereto;
- 0904 (2) appoint a receiver, as provided in K.S.A. 60-1301 and 0905 amendments thereto;
- 0906 (3) make any order authorized by K.S.A. 60-1607 and 0907 amendments thereto; and
- 0908 (4) grant any order authorized by the protection from abuse 0909 act.
- 0910 (c) In accordance with the limitations and procedures pre-0911 scribed by law, and subject to any rules of the supreme court 0912 relating thereto, any appeal permitted to be taken from an order 0913 or final decision of a district magistrate judge shall be tried and 0914 determined de novo by a district judge or an associate district 0915 judge, except that in civil cases where a record was made of the 0916 action or proceeding before the district magistrate judge, the 0917 appeal shall be tried and determined on the record by a district 0918 judge or an associate district judge.
- 0919 Sec. 29 31. K.S.A. 23-452 is hereby amended to read as 0920 follows: 23-452. (a) "Court" means the district court of this state 0921 and when the context requires means the court of any other state 0922 as defined in a substantially similar reciprocal law.
- (b) "Duty of support" means a duty of support whether open imposed or imposable by law or by order, decree, or judgment of any court, whether interlocutory or final or whether incidental to an action for divorce, separation, separate maintenance, annulopen ment, adoption or custody and includes the duty to pay arrearages of support past due and unpaid from the date of the open order of support entered in the responding state as well as arrearages which have accrued on the basis of another state's open support order.
- 0932 (c) "Governor" includes any person performing the functions 0933 of governor or the executive authority of any state covered by this 0934 act.
- 0935 (d) "Initiating state" means a state in which a proceeding 0936 pursuant to this or a substantially similar reciprocal law is com-

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porated in the decree, other than matters pertaining to the custody, support or education of the minor children, shall not be subject to subsequent modification by the court except: (A) As prescribed by the agreement or (B) as subsequently consented to to by the parties.

- 0792 (4) Costs and fees. Costs and attorney fees may be awarded to 0793 either party as justice and equity require. The court may order 0794 that the amount be paid directly to the attorney, who may enforce 0795 the order in the attorney's name in the same case.
- 0796 (c) Miscellaneous matters. (1) Restoration of name. Upon the 0797 request of a spouse, the court shall order the restoration of that 0798 spouse's maiden or former name.
- 0799 (2) Effective date as to remarriage. Any marriage contracted 0800 by a party, within or outside this state, with any other person 0801 before a judgment of divorce becomes final shall be voidable 0802 until the decree of divorce becomes final. An agreement which 0803 waives the right of appeal from the granting of the divorce and 0804 which is incorporated into the decree or signed by the parties and filed in the case shall be effective to shorten the period of 0806 time during which the remarriage is voidable.
 - [(d) The supreme court shall establish by rule an expedited judicial process which shall be used in the establishment of support orders pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1101 et seq., 39-718a or 39-755 or K.S.A. 1981 Supp. 38-1542, 38-1543 or 38-1563, and amendments thereto; the enforcement of any child support and maintenance order; the modification of any child support order; and the establishment and enforcement of support orders in interstate cases pursuant to K.S.A. 23-451 et seq. and section 15-2815 through 27, and amendments thereto.
 - Sec. 50. K.S.A. 60-1612 is hereby amended to read as fol-0817 lows: 60-1612. (a) If a party fails to comply with a provision of a 0818 decree, temporary order or injunction issued under this article 0819 K.S.A. 60-1601 et seq., the obligation of the other party to make 0820 payments for support or maintenance or to permit visitation is 0821 not suspended, but the other party may request by motion that 0822 the court grant an appropriate order.
 - (b) Motions to modify visitation or custody in proceedings

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0972 through final setoff against a debtor's earnings, refund or other 0973 payment due from the state or any state agency minus any 0974 collection assistance fee charged by the director of accounts and 0975 reports of the department of administration. (e) "State agency" means any state office, officer, depart-0976 0977 ment, board, commission, institution, bureau, agency or author-0978 ity or any division or unit thereof. (f) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, partner-0980 ship, limited partnership, association, trust, estate, business 0981 trust, corporation, other entity or a governmental agency, unit or 0982 subdivision. (g) "Director" means the director of accounts and reports of 0984 the department of administration. Insert §§ 54-56, attached 5.7 Sec. 44-54! K.S.A. 23-452, 23-473, 23-475, 38-1104 23-494, 0986 23-496, 23-497, 23-499, 38-1103, 38-1104, 38-1106, 39-718a, 39-0987 755, 60-1610, 60-1612, 60-1613, 60-2310 and 75-6202 and K.S.A. 44-718 and 60-2403 0988 1984 Supp. 20-302b, 23-493, 38-1512, 38-1616, 39-709, 39-754 0989 and 44-718 are hereby repealed. 5.8 Sec. 45 55! This act shall take effect and be in force from and 0991 after its publication in the statute book.

New Sec. 54. (a) The supreme court shall establish by rul an expedited judicial process which shall be used in the establishment of support orders pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1101 et seq., 39-718a or 39-755 or K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 38-1542, 38-1543 or 38-1563, and amendments thereto; the enforcement of any child support and maintenance order; the modification of any child support order; and the establishment and enforcement of support orders in interstate cases pursuant to K.S.A. 23-451 et seq. and sections 15 through 27, and amendments thereto.

(b) The supreme court shall establish by rule an expedited judicial process for the enforcement of court orders granting a parent visitation rights to the parent's child.

Sec. 55. K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 60-2403 is hereby amended to 60-2403. If execution, including any follows: read as garnishment proceeding and-any, income withholding proceeding or proceeding in aid of execution, is not issued within five years from the date of any judgment rendered in any court of record in this state, including judgments in favor of the state or any municipality in the state, or within five years from the date of order reviving such judgment or, if five years have any intervened between the date of the last execution issued on such judgment and the time of issuing another writ of execution on it, such judgment, including court costs and fees therein shall become dormant, and shall cease to operate as a lien on the estate of the judgment debtor. When a judgment becomes and remains dormant for a period of two years, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to release the judgment of record when requested to do so.

New Sec. 56. (a) The secretary of social and rehabilitation

services is hereby directed to establish a system for disseminating information and advice to and making referrals of persons seeking to enforce child support orders, whether or not the person or child is receiving public assistance. The system shall be designed to permit any person in the state at any time to place a toll-free call into the system and receive information, advice and referrals relating to enforcement of child support orders.

- (b) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services is directed to publicize the system throughout the state.
- (c) Notice of the existence of the system established pursuant to this section shall be displayed prominently in the office of each clerk of the district court of this state.