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SESSION OF 2009

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2111

As Amended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2111, as amended, would extend the sunset provision on the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance to June 30, 2013. The bill also would delete the provision in current law that would have decreased docket fees, generally, by \$2.00 on or after July 1, 2010.

Background

The Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance was created with the passage of 2006 SB 337. The Commission was funded by an increase in docket fees. Currently, docket fees are scheduled to be decreased by \$2.00 the day after the Commission is scheduled to sunset.

The proponents of the bill who presented testimony at the House Committee were Randy Hearrell, Executive Director, Kansas Judicial Council; Richard Hayse, Chairman, Commission on Judicial Performance; Hon. Stephen Hill, Chairman, Judicial Performance Drafting Committee; Whitney Damron, Kansas Bar Association; Hon. Meryl Wilson, Kansas District Judge's Association.

The opponent of the bill who presented testimony at the House Committee was Doug Smith, Kansas Credit Attorney's Association and Kansas Collection Association.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

The House Committee on Judiciary amended the bill to extend the sunset provision to June 30, 2013 rather than eliminating the sunset provision in its entirety.

The Judicial Council, which houses the independent Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance, estimates the cost of continuing the Commission to be \$700,000 per year from docket fees that would have to remain at the FY 2010 level. The funding would be needed in FY 2011.