

SESSION OF 2010

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 541

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 541 would amend KSA 20-3002 and delay the appointment of the 14th Court of Appeals Judge position forward one year from January 1, 2011, to January 1, 2012. Enactment of the bill would eliminate the need for the Judicial Branch to spend \$389,340 from the State General Fund for the appointment of the 14th Court of Appeals Judge in FY 2011. The expenditure included \$189,841 for half a fiscal year's salaries and wages associated with the new judge and two staff and \$199,499 for the construction of offices. This funding is included in the Judiciary's FY 2011 budget.

Background

Current law, KSA 20-3002, implements the 14th Court of Appeals Judge position on January 1, 2011. In 1987, the Court of Appeals was expanded to 10 judges and in 2001 was again expanded to 14 judges. In 2005 and 2006, the 12th, 13th and 14th Court of Appeals Judges were delayed for one year. In 2008, the 13th and 14th Court of Appeals Judges were again delayed for one year. The 14th Court of Appeals Judge was again delayed in 2009.

Jerry Sloan, Budget and Fiscal Officer, Office of Judicial Administration testified as a proponent of the bill.

*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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, enactment of the bill would result in a savings of \$389,340, all from the State General Fund.