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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chair Dietrich and the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: January 26, 2026  
Subject: Bill Brief - SB 331

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Senate bill 331 stems from a request from the Office of Revisor of Statutes. The bill would simply repeal K.S.A. 52-717. The statute is the only active statute in Article 7 (Presentment for Payment) of Chapter 52 (Negotiable Instruments) of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.

K.S.A. 52-717 provides that:

"No provision of any law of this state shall be so construed as to prevent banks from paying checks, drafts, or other bills of exchange upon Saturday afternoon, or upon any legal holiday: Provided, Such payments would be legal if made at other times.

Essentially, the statute states if a bank opts to be open and pay a check on a Saturday or on a legal holiday, the timing of the payment cannot be used to invalidate the payment or otherwise claim that the payment was illegal. The statute itself was enacted in 1914 and the last time that it was amended was in 1966.

The repeal of K.S.A. 52-717 would be in force and become effective upon its publication in the statute book.