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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 6, 2025

Subject: Bill Brief on SB 129

Senate Bill 129 raises the mandatory retirement age for magistrate judges regularly admitted to practice law who serve in counties with a population of 10,000 or few people.

The bill amends K.S.A. 20-2608, the statute that provides the requirements for judge retirement. Current law provides that any judge who reaches 75 years of age shall retire, except that the judge may finish serving the term during which the judge reaches 75 years of age. This bill would provide an exception to that rule and provide that district magistrate judges who are regularly admitted to practice law in Kansas who serve in a county with a population of 10,000 or fewer people would be required to retire when such judge reaches 78 years of age.