

February 14, 2012

The Honorable Tim Owens, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 559-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Owens:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 422 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 422 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

In cases of the absence, sickness or disability of a district judge or district magistrate judge, or for good cause, current law allows the chief judge of a judicial district to apply to the departmental justice of that district to appoint a judge *pro tem* if a district judge from another district has not been assigned. SB 422 would make the appointment of a *pro tem* judge by a chief judge of any judicial district subject to the budget limitations of the district court. The bill would also provide that any judge *pro tem* appointed in this case would be an active status member of the Kansas bar.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of SB 422 would have no fiscal effect.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary