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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 422

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 422, as amended, would allow the chief judge of any judicial district to appoint a judge *pro tem* without applying to the departmental justice of that district. Such power to appoint would be subject to the budget limitations of the district court.

Background

Under current law, a chief judge must apply to the departmental justice of the district for the appointment of judge *pro tem*.

SB 422 was introduced by the Senate Judiciary Committee at the request of the Kansas Judicial Branch. In the Senate Judiciary Committee, a representative of the Judicial Branch presented the written testimony of Chief Judge Mike Keeley, Twentieth Judicial District, supporting the bill. The Committee amended the bill to clarify that a judge *pro tem* may be appointed even if a district judge from another judicial district has been assigned to another matter in the appointing district. The Committee recommended the bill be passed as amended.

The fiscal note on the bill indicates passage would have no fiscal effect.

*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>