

MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rick Wilborn at 8:32 am on Thursday, May 21, 2020, in room 346-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Robert Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Sky Westerlund, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Darren Beckham, Executive Assistant, Senate Leadership

Others in attendance:

No list available

Clarification on provision

Chairperson Wilborn welcomed Darren Beckham to address the Committee.

Mr. Beckham briefly reviewed a provision the Committee previously discussed and approved as part of **Senate Sub. for HB 2396** regarding the governmental response to the 2020 COVID-19 in Kansas. The amendment would place some restrictions on the governor declaring a disaster emergency, including a 15-day cumulative limit on closure or cessation of business activity during 2020. Clarification was needed to determine if the intention of the committee was to include such closure days that have already occurred (retrospective) or to allow up to 15 closure days going forward from the day the bill goes into effect (prospective). ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairperson thanked Mr. Beckham for the information. Committee members discussed the issue. Chairperson Wilborn asked the Committee for a poll on which application they intended or believed they intended, either retrospective or prospective. Each member specified their understanding. The straw poll indicated that the committee members generally understood the intent of the 15-day limit to be prospective.

Without further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:49 AM.