

SESSION OF 2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2184**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2184, as amended, would shift deposit of docket fees previously credited to the Judicial Council Fund to the State General Fund (SGF). Currently, the Judicial Council receives 0.99 percent of docket fees. The bill would remove statutory provisions that direct the State Treasurer to credit 0.99 percent of revenues from docket fees to the Judicial Council Fund.

***Abolishment of Judicial Council Fund***

The bill would require the Director of Accounts and Reports (Director) to transfer all moneys in the Judicial Council Fund to the SGF on July 1, 2023, and subsequently abolish the fund.

***Publication Fee Fund Transfer***

The bill would also require the Director to transfer all remaining and unencumbered funds from the Judicial Council's Publication Fee Fund to the SGF at the end of every fiscal year.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on General Government Budget at the request of Representative Hoffman.

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\*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>

### ***House Committee on General Government Budget***

In the House Committee hearing on February 20, 2023, the Executive Director of the Judicial Council provided **proponent** testimony, generally stating current revenue sources are unreliable and that the agency would soon be unable to support the Judicial Council's operation in carrying out its statutory mission and duties. The Executive Director indicated the bill would provide the agency with a sufficient and stable funding source and allow the agency to continue its work in improving the administration of justice in Kansas.

No other testimony was provided.

### ***Senate Committee of the Whole***

On March 9, 2023, the Senate Committee of the Whole adopted a technical amendment to the bill.

### **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Judicial Council estimates revenues of \$723,165 would be transferred from the Judicial Council Fund and the Publications Fee Fund to the SGF for FY 2024. The agency states its requested FY 2024 budget is \$696,664, from all funding sources, and if the bill is enacted, that amount would need to be funded from an SGF appropriation.

Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2024 Governor's Budget Report*.

Judicial Council; State General Fund; docket fees; Judicial Council Fund; Publication Fee Fund