

Approved: June 22, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. on February 20, 2012, in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Lauren Douglass, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Bob Allison-Gallimore, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Committee Assistant

Others in Attendance:

See Attached List

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to **SB 422—Relating to judges pro tem.**

Senator King moved, Senator Lynn seconded, that the bill be amended by adoption of the balloon labeled sb422 king balloon. (Attachment 1).

Senator King explained that the amendment clarified the language in subsection (a).

Senator King's motion was adopted.

Senator Schodorf moved, Senator King seconded, that SB 422 be passed, as amended. Motion adopted.

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to **SB 423—Supreme court authority to allocate judicial resources, including assignment of judges.**

Senator King distributed copies of a proposed amendment which would reinsert language specifying the names of cities in which is required to be held. (Attachment 2).

Senator King moved, Senator Umbarger seconded, that SB 423 be amended by reinserting the stricken language which specified the names of cities in which court is required to be held. Motion adopted.

Senator King distributed copies of a proposed amendment relating to the assignment of judges in judicial districts in which the number of judges is equal to or greater than the number of counties in the district. (Attachment 3).

Senator Vratil stated the amendment would limit the Court's authority to maximize the used of judges within a district.

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Senator Bruce expressed concern that the amendment does not achieve Senator King's intent to ensure access to justice.

Senator King withdrew his amendment.

Further action on **SB 423** was postponed.

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to **SB 367–Expanding jury pools to include Kansas income tax filers.**

*Senator Lynn moved, Senator Pilcher-Cook seconded, that **SB 367** be passed. Motion adopted.*

The Chairman turned the Committee's attention to **SB 285–Mis-classification of employees; penalty.**

*Senator Bruce moved, Senator Pilcher-Cook seconded, that **SB 285** be tabled. Motion adopted.*

Senator Haley voted no on the motion to table.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.