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The Honorable Jeff King, Chairperson Senate Committee on Judiciary Statehouse, Room 341-E Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator King:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 365 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 365 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Currently, the Kansas Supreme Court designates one district judge to serve as chief judge in each judicial district, and one Court of Appeals judge to serve as chief judge of the Kansas Court of Appeals. SB 365 would amend this process by allowing district judges in each judicial district to elect a chief judge for the district, and to allow the Court of Appeals judges to elect a judge of that court. The chief judges who have been appointed by the Supreme Court as of July 1, 2014, would be allowed to serve in that role through January 1, 2016.

The Office of Judicial Administration indicates that SB 365 would have no fiscal effect on the expenditures or revenues of the Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,

Jon Hummell,

Interim Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary