

SENATE BILL No. 297

By Committee on Judiciary

3-24

1 AN ACT concerning impeachment; relating to the grounds for
2 impeachment of justices of the supreme court.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. For the purposes of sections 27 and 28 of article 2 and
6 section 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, in an
7 impeachment proceeding against a justice of the supreme court, the
8 grounds for such impeachment shall include, but not be limited to, any one
9 or more of the following: Commission of treason, commission of bribery,
10 commission of other indictable criminal offenses, commission of a breach
11 of the public trust, commission of a breach of judicial ethics, failure to
12 perform adequately the duties of office, attempting to subvert fundamental
13 laws and introduce arbitrary power, attempting to usurp the power of the
14 legislative or executive branch of government, exhibiting wanton or
15 reckless judicial conduct, exhibiting personal misbehavior or misconduct,
16 failure to adequately supervise subordinate employees and such other
17 actions which in accordance with section 28 of article 2 of the constitution
18 of the state of Kansas may constitute grounds for impeachment.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.