

**20-349. Budget for district court expenses payable by counties, preparation; approval of budget.** The chief judge in each judicial district shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget to be submitted to the board of county commissioners of each county. The board of county commissioners shall then have final authority to determine and approve the budget for district court operations payable by their county. The judicial administrator of the courts shall prescribe the form upon which such budgets shall be submitted. The budget shall include all expenditures payable by the county for operations of the district court in such county. A separate budget shall be prepared for each county within the district and the judges of the district court shall approve the budget for the county in which such judges are regularly assigned prior to submission of such budget to the board of county commissioners. The compensation to be paid to district court personnel excluded from the judicial personnel classification system pursuant to subsection (b) of K.S.A. 20-162, and amendments thereto, shall be listed in the budget as a separate item for each job position. After the amount of such district court budget is established, the expenditures under such budget, other than expenditures for job positions contained in the budget, shall be under the control and supervision of the chief judge, and the board of county commissioners shall approve all claims submitted by the chief judge within the limits of such district court budget. The financial affairs of the district court in each county including, but not limited to, nonexpendable trust funds, law library funds and court trustee operations shall be subject to audit pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1122, and amendments thereto, as part of the annual county audit. Reports of fiscal or managerial discrepancies or noncompliance with applicable law shall be made to the judicial administrator of the courts as well as the board of county commissioners. Chief judges who have not elected to be responsible for the district court budget pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 20-384, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to the supreme court rules relating to the district court operations payable by the county.

**History:** L. 1976, ch. 146, § 44; L. 1977, ch. 110, § 4; L. 1978, ch. 108, § 8; L. 1992, ch. 267, § 1; L. 1999, ch. 57, § 22; L. 2002, ch. 56, § 2; L. 2014, ch. 82, § 16; July 1.

L. 2014, ch. 82, was held to be an invalid enactment, see *Solomon v. State*, 303 K. 512, 364 P.3d 536 (2015).