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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary
From: Jason Thompson, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 18, 2018
Subject: Bill Brief for SB 261

SB 261 transfers the duty to appoint certain appraisers from the judicial administrator to the director of property valuation.

The bill amends K.S.A. 75-3043a, a statute concerning appraisal of real property before purchase or disposal by the state or any agency thereof. Current law requires the judicial administrator to appoint one disinterested appraiser to determine the market value of the property, or three disinterested appraisers if the value of the real property is over \$200,000. The bill would require the director of property valuation to appoint the appraiser or appraisers; no other change is made. Under K.S.A. 75-5105, the director of property valuation is the head of the division of property valuation within the department of revenue, appointed by the secretary of revenue and subject to confirmation by the senate.