

HOUSE BILL No. 2927

By Representative DiVita

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AN ACT concerning the budget of the judiciary; requiring the Kansas legislature to fund at a certain amount each year; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 20-158 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 20-158 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-158. (a) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be responsible for the preparation of the budget for the judicial branch of state government, with such assistance as the chief justice may require from the judicial administrator, the chief judge of the court of appeals and the chief judge of each judicial district. Each district court and the court of appeals shall submit their budget requests to the chief justice in such form and at such time as the chief justice may require. The chief justice shall submit to the director of the budget the annual budget request for the judicial branch of state government for inclusion in the annual budget document for appropriations for the judiciary. Such budget shall be prepared and submitted in the manner provided by K.S.A. 75-3716 and 75-3717 and amendments thereto. Such budget shall include the request for expenditures for retired justices and judges performing judicial services or duties under K.S.A. 20-2616 and amendments thereto as a separate item therein. The director of the budget shall review and may make such recommendations to the legislature for proposed changes in such budget as the director deems necessary and appropriate.

(b) *The legislature shall fund the budget for the judicial branch of state government at an amount annually which is equal to or greater than the cost-of-living index of the previous year.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 20-158 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.