

## SENATE BILL No. 399

By Senators Bruce, Gilstrap, Journey, Pyle and Taddiken

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9 AN ACT concerning the joint committee on special claims against the  
10 state; relating to information filed and evidence presented; amending  
11 K.S.A. 46-914 and repealing the existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 46-914 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-  
15 914. (a) Each claim shall be considered by the joint committee as soon  
16 as practicable after it is filed. If the joint committee deems a hearing to  
17 be necessary or advisable on any claim or if the claimant requests the  
18 same, it shall provide for the holding of a hearing and shall give the  
19 claimant and the state agency involved, if any, at least fifteen days notice  
20 by certified mail of the time and place thereof.

21 (b) The joint committee shall not be bound by the strict rules of  
22 evidence, except when specifically required by its rules but shall admit  
23 all testimony having reasonable probative value, and shall conduct all  
24 hearings in a fair and impartial manner, giving full opportunity for pres-  
25 entation of evidence and argument.

26 (c) All officers and employees of the state shall provide such infor-  
27 mation and assistance as may be deemed necessary by the joint committee  
28 in the investigation and determination of claims filed under the provisions  
29 of this act.

30 (d) *No information filed pursuant to K.S.A. 46-913, and amendments*  
31 *thereto; testimony or evidence presented to the joint committee; or deter-*  
32 *mination or recommendation of the joint committee shall be admissible in*  
33 *any subsequent civil or criminal proceeding.*

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 46-914 is hereby repealed.

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