

SESSION OF 2003

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 36**

As Agreed to April 2, 2003

Brief *

The Conference Committee on SB 36 agreed to the following regarding the Kansas Judicial Council. SB 36 raises the docket fees by \$1 for a two-year period to help fund operations of the Council. The moneys are to be deposited in a newly created Judicial Council Fund.

The bill clarifies the Kansas Judicial Council as an independent agency within the Judicial Branch of state government and shall submit its own budget and may adopt its own pay plan and personnel rules. Membership of the Council is altered slightly to allow the Chairperson of the House Judiciary Committee to either serve on the Council or select a designee.

Background

The bill passed the Senate with two new members of the Council to be added—the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Chair of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee.

The House added a third new member, the Ranking Minority Member of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee, added the docket fee increase for two years, and permitted the publication fee fund to be used for operating expenses.

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