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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 568

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

SB 568 would delay for one year the continued expansion of the size of the Kansas Court of Appeals to 13 judges until January 1, 2008 and to 14 judges until January 1, 2009.

Background

The bill was supported by the Office of Judicial Administration since the funding for the additional judges and staff has been removed from the budget of the Judiciary. Legislation that expanded the size of the Court of Appeals from 10 to 14 judges was enacted in 2001 and has been delayed twice since that time.

The fiscal note states that SB 568 would reduce the Governor's budget recommendation by \$297,296 and 3.00 FTE positions. The funding reduction would include \$101,756 for six months of salary for a judge and two staff members. It would also include \$165,540 for remodeling the space in the Judicial Center to accommodate the new judge.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>