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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 28, 2025

Subject: Bill Brief on SB 53

Senate Bill 53 provides that attorney members of the board of trustees of a county law library in certain counties shall be appointed by the chief judge of the judicial district and allows the board to authorize the chief judge to use certain fees for the purpose of facilitating and enhancing functions of the district court of the county.

The bill amends K.S.A. 20-3127, the statute relating to the board of trustees for county law libraries. Current law provides that the board of trustees of the law library in all counties except for Johnson, Sedgwick and Douglas counties consist of the district judge or judges of the district court and not fewer than two attorneys who shall be elected for two-year terms by a majority of the attorneys residing in the county. This bill would change the attorney membership selection to be not fewer than two attorneys who reside in the county, appointed by the chief judge of the judicial district.

The bill also amends subsection (f) to provide that fees collected pursuant to K.S.A. 20-3129, the statute that authorizes the clerk of the district court to tax a library fee, can be used for the purpose of facilitating and enhancing functions of the district court of the county.