

SENATE BILL No. 221

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the judicial council; changing the membership from
2 four resident lawyers to one resident lawyer from each congressional
3 district; amending K.S.A. 20-2201 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 20-2201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-
7 2201. (a) A judicial council is hereby established and created which shall
8 be an independent agency in the judicial branch of government, shall
9 submit its budget separately and may adopt its own pay plan and personnel
10 rules.

11 (b)(1) The judicial council shall be composed of one justice of the
12 supreme court, one judge of the court of appeals, two district judges of
13 different judicial districts, ~~four resident lawyers~~, the chairperson of the
14 judiciary committee of the house of representatives or the chairperson's
15 ~~designate designee~~, ~~and~~ the chairperson of the judiciary committee of the
16 senate, *and, subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4315c, and amendments*
17 *thereto, one resident lawyer from each congressional district.*

18 (2) *The provisions of paragraph (1), as amended by this act, shall not*
19 *affect the office of any member of the judicial council appointed prior to*
20 *July 1, 2025. On and after July 1, 2025, as positions become vacant on the*
21 *judicial council, appointments shall be made to comply with the provisions*
22 *of paragraph (1), as amended by this act.*

23 (c) (1) All members except the members of the legislature shall be
24 appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court for a term of four years
25 and until a successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

26 (2) The terms of the members of the legislature, and all other
27 members, shall terminate upon such member ceasing to belong to the class
28 from which such member was appointed. All vacancies except those of the
29 members of the legislature shall be filled by appointment by the chief
30 justice for the unexpired term. Upon vacancy, the places of the members of
31 the legislature shall be filled by their successors.

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 20-2201 is hereby repealed.

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