Sheriffs' Fees; Sub. for SB 283

Sub. for SB 283 amends the statute governing sheriffs' fees to implement a single \$10 fee for the service, execution, and return of any process, as well as for any unsuccessful attempts at the same. On July 1, 2013, this fee will increase to \$15. A single fee covers more than one process for different persons at the same address in the same case, if the processes are in the hands of the sheriff at one time. Where return is not made or timely return is not made pursuant to KSA 60-312 or KSA 61-3005, there will be no charge for subsequent processes that may be required to effect service and the timely return of the failed service, unless return is made showing no service because the person to be served cannot be served at that address or the address does not exist. In this case, the fee will be charged for an alias summons at the same address. The bill defines "process" as any summons, pleading, writ, order, or notice issued by a court clerk or court.