

February 1, 2013

The Honorable Lance Kinzer, Chairperson
House Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 165-W
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Kinzer:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2115 by House Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2115 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a judge or justice may, prior to retirement, enter into a written agreement with the Kansas Supreme Court to perform assigned judicial duties for not more than 104 days, or 40.0 percent, of each year. Judges entering into these senior judge contracts are paid a monthly stipend equal to 25.0 percent of the current monthly salary of judges or justices serving in the same position as that held by the judge at the time of retirement. Those who do not enter into a contract prior to retirement can do so within five years and within 30 days prior to any anniversary date of retirement. HB 2115 would remove the time restrictions from current law to allow the Court to enter into senior judge contracts with retired judges or justices at any time.

According to the Office of Judicial Administration, passage of HB 2115 would have no fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary