

HOUSE BILL No. 2115

AN ACT concerning courts; relating to the employment of judges and justices; court debt setoff procedures; amending K.S.A. 20-2622 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-6210 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 20-2622 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-2622. (a) On and after ~~the effective date of this act~~ *July 1, 1995*, a retirant who retires as provided in K.S.A. 20-2608, and amendments thereto, may return to temporary judicial duties while receiving service retirement benefits. Upon written agreement with the Kansas supreme court ~~prior to retirement~~, such retirant shall be available to perform assigned judicial duties for not more than 104 days or 40% of each year. Notwithstanding the provisions of law in effect on the retirement date of a retirant, such retirant shall receive a stipend, payable monthly, equal to 25% of the current monthly salary of judges or justices serving in the same position as that held by the retirant at the time of retirement. Such agreement shall be for a period of not more than two years. A retirant may enter into subsequent agreements, except that the aggregate of these agreements shall not exceed ~~12~~ 15 years. The supreme court is hereby authorized and may pay on behalf of such retirant the amount specified by the Kansas state employees health care commission under K.S.A. 75-6508, and amendments thereto, as if the retirant is serving as a full-time employee of the judicial branch and participating in the state health care benefits program to provide for such participation of the retirant. Any retirant entering into a written agreement with the Kansas supreme court to be available to perform assigned judicial duties for less than 104 days or 40% of each year for a proportionally reduced stipend shall be considered as if the retirant is serving under a part-time appointment as an employee of the judicial branch and participating in the state health care benefits program to provide for such participation of the employee and the supreme court may pay on behalf of the retirant the amount specified by the Kansas state employees health care commission and K.S.A. 75-6508, and amendments thereto.

~~(b) Within five years after retirement, a retirant who did not enter into an agreement as provided for in subsection (a) prior to retirement may enter into such a written agreement within 30 days prior to any anniversary date of retirement. Agreements shall be signed by the chief justice with the approval of a majority of the justices of the Kansas supreme court.~~

~~(c)~~ (b) If a written agreement is entered into pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a), and notice is received by the chief justice of the refusal of the retirant to accept a temporary assignment without just cause, the written agreement shall be terminated.

~~(d)~~ (c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to require a retirant of the retirement system for judges to enter into an agreement to perform temporary judicial duties.

~~(e)~~ (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the supreme court's ability to make judicial assignments pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 20-310b and 20-2616, and amendments thereto; and the stipend provided by this act shall not be counted toward the annual limitation on compensation provided in K.S.A. 20-2616, and amendments thereto.

~~(f)~~ (e) Any retirant who has fulfilled the requirements of an agreement entered into pursuant to this act may continue to accept judicial assignments and shall be compensated for such subsequent assignments in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 20-310b and 20-2616, and amendments thereto.

~~(g)~~ (f) If an assignment given to a retirant in accordance with this act will require the retirant to exceed the 104 day limitation provided in subsection (a), the retirant shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 20-2616, and amendments thereto.

~~(h)~~ (g) For purposes of this act, "retirant" shall include any justice of the Kansas supreme court, judge of the Kansas court of appeals, and district judge of any district court of Kansas who retired pursuant to the provisions of the retirement system for judges. Retirant shall not include any district magistrate judge.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-6210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6210. (a) Upon completion of a setoff transaction, the director shall transfer the net proceeds collected to the account or fund of the

state agency, foreign state agency or municipality to which the debt was owed.

(b) (1) From the gross proceeds collected by the director through setoff, the director shall retain a reasonable collection assistance fee in an amount based on cost, as determined by generally accepted cost allocation techniques, except that in the case of transactions for collection of debts arising from the employment security law such fee shall not exceed \$300 for any transaction.

(2) The director shall retain a reasonable collection assistance fee from the gross proceeds of collections through setoff on behalf of a municipality as specified in an agreement entered into pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6204, and amendments thereto, or foreign state agency in such amount as specified in the reciprocal agreement entered into pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6215, and amendments thereto.

(3) *The collection assistance fee shall be paid as an additional cost for all debts owed to the court when the court utilizes debt setoff procedures pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6202 et seq., and amendments thereto. The collection assistance fee shall be retained from the amount collected, but shall not be deducted from the debts owed to the court.*

(4) The director may credit a portion of the collection assistance fee to the appropriate account or fund of any other state agency that has incurred expenses in assisting in the collection of the debt.

(5) The amount of the collection assistance fee retained by the director shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the accounting services recovery fund.

(c) Upon receipt by the state agency, foreign state agency or municipality of the net proceeds collected, the state agency, foreign state agency or municipality shall credit the debtor's obligation in the amount of the gross proceeds collected.

(d) Except as otherwise prescribed by the director or the secretary of administration, any state agency, foreign state agency or municipality which receives any payment from a debtor after notification to the debtor under K.S.A. 75-6206, and amendments thereto, other than payments collected pursuant to K.S.A. 44-718, and amendments thereto, or collected through the federal government or judicial process, shall remit the collection assistance fee imposed under subsection (b) to the director which shall be credited to the accounting services recovery fund. If a state agency fails to remit the collection assistance fee as required by this subsection, the director may transfer an amount equal to such collection assistance fee from the appropriate account or fund of the state agency to the accounting services recovery fund. If a foreign state agency or municipality fails to remit the collection assistance fee as required by this subsection, the director may seek collection of such fee in such manner as may be allowed by law.

(e) In cases involving the collection of debts arising from the employment security law, the entire amount collected shall be credited to the employment security fund and the collection assistance fee shall be transferred from the special employment security fund to the accounting services recovery fund.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 20-2622 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-6210 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.