

SENATE BILL No. 365

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-10

1 AN ACT concerning courts; relating to district courts and the court of
2 appeals; selection of chief judge; amending K.S.A. 20-329 and 20-3011
3 and repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 20-329 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-
7 329. In every judicial district, the ~~supreme court~~ *district court judges in*
8 *such judicial district shall designate elect* a district judge as chief judge
9 who shall have general control over the assignment of cases within the
10 district, subject to supervision by the supreme court. *The procedure for*
11 *such election shall be determined by the district court judges and adopted*
12 *by district court rule.* Within guidelines established by statute, rule of the
13 supreme court or the district court, the chief judge of each district court
14 shall be responsible for and have general supervisory authority over the
15 clerical and administrative functions of such court. *The district judge*
16 *designated as chief judge by the supreme court on July 1, 2014, shall be*
17 *allowed to serve as chief judge through January 1, 2016.*

18 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 20-3011 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-
19 3011. The ~~supreme court~~ *court of appeals judges shall designate elect* a
20 judge of the court of appeals to serve as chief judge of such court ~~at the~~
21 ~~pleasure of the supreme court.~~ *The procedure for such election shall be*
22 *determined by the court of appeals.* The chief judge shall exercise such
23 administrative powers as may be prescribed by law or by rule of the
24 supreme court. *The judge of the court of appeals designated as chief judge*
25 *by the supreme court on July 1, 2014, shall be allowed to serve as chief*
26 *judge through January 1, 2016.*

27 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 20-329 and 20-3011 are hereby repealed.

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