

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Barker at 3:30pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 112-N of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Lauren Douglass, Legislative Research Department
Robert Allison-Gallimore, Legislative Research Department
Katherine Goyette, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Jason Thompson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Connie Bahner, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

No conferees present

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Bill introductions

Chairperson Barker called the meeting to order. He noted that there are twelve attorneys and eleven non-attorneys on the committee. Each member then introduced themselves to the other members. The staff members also introduced who they are.

Chairperson Barker then opened the hearing for bill introductions by introducing a bill relating to legislative review of open records, RS 0114.

Representative John Rubin introduced a bill amending the Kansas Constitution relating to the selection of appellate court justices. This is a resolution he previously introduced in 2013, **HCR 5005**. It keeps the nominating commission, but the commission will be made up of three members nominated by the governor, three by the Senate president and three by the House Speaker. The members will serve in staggered terms. The nominating committee will submit three candidates to the governor, and the governor will choose one, which he will submit for Senate confirmation. The Court of Appeals will be a constitutional court and the same nominating process will apply to it. Hearing no objection, the bill was approved.

Representative John Rubin introduced a bill similar to a senate substitute to the shell of **2014 HB 2389**, relating to the adoption of Supreme Court rules on time limits in capital murder cases. Hearing no objection, the bill was approved.

Representative Annie Kuether introduced a domestic battery bill. The bill was approved.

Representative Couture-Lovelady introduced a committee bill, previously **HCR 5002**, regarding the selection of Kansas Supreme Court justices to follow the federal model. Hearing no objection, it was

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approved.

Representative John Carmichael introduced a committee bill relating to domestic case management. Hearing no objection, it was approved.

Representative John Whitmer introduced a bill relating to a technical fix to the statutes on Kansas Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. The bill was approved.

Representative Charles Macheers introduced a bill reducing the retirement age of appellate court justices and judges and district court judges. The bill was approved.

Ed Klumpp introduced a bill on behalf of the Sheriffs Association relating to the qualifications and training of sheriffs, 15 RS 0220. Hearing no objection, the bill was approved.

Chairperson Barker advised that there will be more bill introductions tomorrow. Next week, there will be a hearing Thursday relating to judicial selection. On Tuesday, Scott Frank will testify on **HB 2009**, regarding post-audit background checks.

Representative Rubin advised Representative Kuether that the interim special judiciary committee will be recommending that the foster parents bill of rights be introduced in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Chairperson Barker also advised that the Judicial Council will be introducing a number of bills. One will be to add the House and Senate Juvenile Justice Committee chairmen to serve on the Judicial Council. Another relates to the expungement process and some cleanup language will be added to that law.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on January 14, 2015.