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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman King and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Jason Thompson, Senior Assistant Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Sections of the Constitution of the State of Kansas referenced in SB 439

Article 2.—LEGISLATIVE

- § 27. Impeachment. The house of representatives shall have the sole power to impeach. All impeachments shall be tried by the senate; and when sitting for that purpose, the senators shall take an oath to do justice according to the law and the evidence. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the senators then elected (or appointed) and qualified.
- § 28. Officers impeachable; grounds; punishment. The governor and all other officers under this constitution, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article 3.—JUDICIAL

§ 15. Removal of justices and judges. Justices of the supreme court may be removed from office by impeachment and conviction as prescribed in article 2 of this constitution. In addition to removal by impeachment and conviction, justices may be retired after appropriate hearing, upon certification to the governor, by the supreme court nominating commission that such justice is so incapacitated as to be unable to perform adequately his duties. Other judges shall be subject to retirement for incapacity, and to discipline, suspension and removal for cause by the supreme court after appropriate hearing.