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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 44

As Amended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

Brief*

SB 44 would allow the Chief Justice to transfer moneys during FY 2015 from the Electronic Filing and Management Fund to the Judicial Branch Docket Fee Fund. The bill also would extend from 2017 to 2018 a provision directing the first \$3.1 million collected in docket fee revenues to the Electronic Filing and Management Fund, and would defer from 2018 until 2019 a provision reducing this amount to \$1.0 million.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

Current law allows the Chief Justice to use moneys in the Electronic Filing and Management Fund only for the creation, implementation, and management of electronic filing and centralized case management systems.

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas Supreme Court.

In the Senate Committee, proponents testifying on behalf of the bill included representatives of the Kansas Supreme Court, the Kansas District Judges Association, and the Kansas District Magistrate Judges Association. Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by representatives of the Kansas Bar Association, the Kansas Association for Justice, and the Kansas Association of

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Defense Counsel. No opponent or neutral testimony was submitted to the Committee.

The Senate Committee adopted a technical amendment.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates the bill would not increase total expenditures for the Judicial Branch, but would result in more expenditures from the Docket Fee Fund and fewer expenditures from the Electronic Filing and Management Fund. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.