

February 20, 2020

The Honorable Rick Wilborn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Judiciary
Statehouse, Room 541C-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Wilborn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 403 by Senate Committee on Judiciary

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 403 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 403 would amend current law by removing the process to be followed when the Governor does not appoint a judicial candidate to the Court of Appeals within 60 days. A candidate who is not confirmed could not be resubmitted for confirmation. If the Senate does not confirm, then the Governor must appoint a new candidate. The bill would remove the provision that if the Senate fails to vote on an appointment, the Senate gave consent. The bill would allow the Governor to remove a name prior to confirmation. SB 403 would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Office of Judicial Administration estimates enactment of SB 403 would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Campbell
Director of the Budget

cc: Mary Rinehart, Judiciary
Karen Clowers, Legislative Services