

## HOUSE BILL No. 2040

By Representative Ward

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1 AN ACT concerning certain addresses to the legislature; amending K.S.A.  
2 20-101 and 75-102 and repealing the existing sections.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 New Section 1. This section and changes to law in this act shall be  
6 known as the open communications act.

7 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 20-101 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-101.  
8 The supreme court shall be a court of record, and in addition to the original  
9 jurisdiction conferred by the constitution, shall have such appellate  
10 jurisdiction as may be provided by law; and during the pendency of any  
11 appeal, on such terms as may be just, may make an order suspending  
12 further proceedings in any court below, until the decision of the supreme  
13 court. As provided by section 1 of article 3 of the Kansas constitution, the  
14 supreme court shall have general administrative authority over all courts in  
15 this state, and the supreme court and each justice thereof shall have such  
16 specific powers and duties in exercising ~~said~~ *such* administrative authority  
17 as may be prescribed by law. The chief justice shall be the spokesman for  
18 the supreme court and shall exercise the court's general administrative  
19 authority over all courts of this state. The chief justice shall have the  
20 responsibility for executing and implementing the administrative rules and  
21 policies of the supreme court, including supervision of the personnel and  
22 financial affairs of the court system, and delegate such of this  
23 responsibility and authority to personnel in the state judicial department as  
24 may be necessary for the effective and efficient administration of the court  
25 system. *At the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the*  
26 *chief justice shall have the responsibility for delivering an oral state of the*  
27 *judiciary address to the legislature evaluating affairs concerning the state*  
28 *of the judiciary, including accessibility of the courts to the citizens of this*  
29 *state, future needs of the courts of the state and any recommendations for*  
30 *addressing such affairs of the judiciary.*

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 75-102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-102.  
32 The governor shall ~~communicate~~ *deliver an oral state of the state address*  
33 *to every session of the legislature, by message, evaluating the condition of*  
34 *the state; and recommend recommending such measures as the governor*  
35 *may deem expedient; and to. At each regular session of the legislature the*  
36 *governor shall transmit the reports of all the state officers and of the*

1 officers of all educational, charitable and penal institutions required by law  
2 to be made to ~~him or her~~ *the governor*.

3 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 20-101 and 75-102 are hereby repealed.

4 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
5 publication in the statute book.