Session of 2015

SENATE BILL No. 17

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the judicial council; relating to membership; 2 amending K.S.A. 20-2201 and repealing the existing section.

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

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 20-2201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-6 2201. (a) A judicial council is hereby established and created which shall 7 be an independent agency in the judicial branch of government, shall 8 submit its budget separately and may adopt its own pay plan and personnel 9 rules. The judicial council shall be composed of one justice of the supreme court, one judge of the court of appeals, two district judges of different 10 judicial districts, four resident lawyers, the chairperson of the judiciary 11 12 committee of the house of representatives or the chairperson's designate, 13 and, the chairperson of the corrections and juvenile justice committee of 14 the house of representatives, the chairperson of the judiciary committee of 15 the senate and the chairperson of the corrections and juvenile justice 16 committee of the senate. All members except the members of the 17 legislature shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court for 18 a term of four years and until a successor shall have been appointed and 19 qualified.

20 (b) The terms of the members of the legislature, and all other 21 members, shall terminate upon such member ceasing to belong to the class 22 from which such member was appointed. All vacancies except those of the 23 members of the legislature shall be filled by appointment by the chief 24 justice for the unexpired term. Upon vacancy, the places of the members of 25 the legislature shall be filled by their successors.

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Sec. 2. K.S.A. 20-2201 is hereby repealed.

27 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 28 publication in the statute book.