

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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TO: The Honorable Ron Thornburgh
Secretary of State

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ORDER DESIGNATING LOCATIONS AND CERTIFYING VACANCIES FOR
NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITIONS

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-355 and 2006 Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2968, which appropriates non-specific funding to create two new district judge divisions, the Supreme Court does hereby certify the creation of the new divisions as follows:

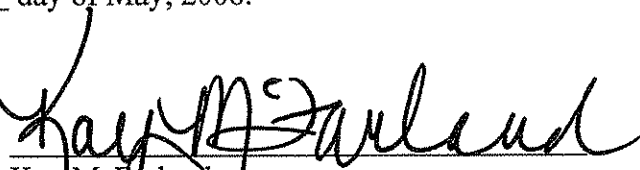
Third Judicial District	Division No. 15	Shawnee County
Sixth Judicial District	Division No. 4	Miami County

The district judge divisions herein certified shall be created effective upon publication in the Kansas Register. The vacancies thereby created shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 20-355.

The designation of divisions in the districts so certified are based upon the following findings and conclusions:

1. The Third Judicial District has the highest caseload per judge in civil and criminal in the state by a substantial number. Last year the Third Judicial District caseload per judge of 3,350 was the highest in the state, 390 cases more than the next highest district and 1,250 more than the statewide average.
2. The Sixth Judicial District has experienced an increase of 153% in major case filing over the last 10 years. During that period it is the only district with an increase of over 100%, the next highest being 80%. The population of the district continues to increase rapidly with a resulting increase in court activity.
3. Each of the district judge divisions certified in this order have been recommended by the chief judge of the judicial district in which the division is to be located and by the Judicial Administrator.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 15th day of May, 2006.


Kay McFarland
Chief Justice