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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

TO: The Honorable Ron Thornburgh
Secretary of State

ORDER DESIGNATING LOCATION AND CERTIFYING VACANCY FOR
NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 20-355 and 2004 House Bill No. 2675, which appropriates non-specific funding to create a new district judge division, the Supreme Court does hereby certify the creation of a new division as follows:

Seventh Judicial District

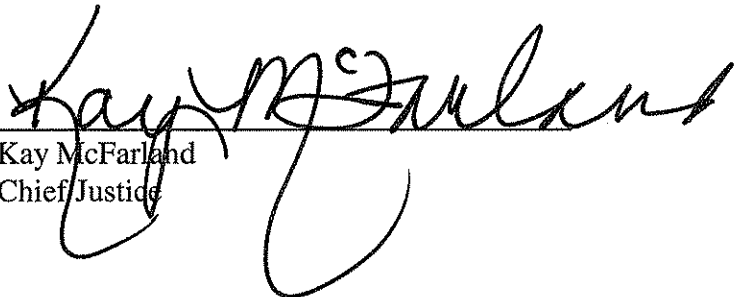
Division No. 6

The vacancy thereby created shall be effective January 1, 2005, and shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 20-355.

The designation of a division in the district so certified is based upon the following findings and conclusions:

1. The Seventh Judicial District (Douglas County) has requested an additional district judge. The increase in case filings has increased the per judge caseload to a higher level than existed prior to the addition of a new district judge in 1994. The district is presently dealing with the situation with a district magistrate judge *pro tem* which is being funded by the county on a temporary basis. Only three districts in the state have a higher per judge caseload.
2. The district judge division certified in this order has 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 11th day of May, 2004.



Kay McFarland
Chief Justice