

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 MAGISTRATE JUDGE POSITIONS

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

Eighth Judicial District	Position No. 3, Geary County
Ninth Judicial District	McPherson County

The vacancies thereby created shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 20-355.

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

1. The Eighth Judicial District (Dickinson, Geary, Marion, and Morris Counties) is requesting a district magistrate judge for Geary County, which does not have a district magistrate judge. The Eighth Judicial District has historically been near the highest in cases per judge for those districts that have district magistrate judges.
2. In the Ninth Judicial District (McPherson and Harvey Counties), caseload has grown dramatically. In the past ten years, the total civil and criminal case filings have increased 167%. The chief judge in the Ninth Judicial District has analyzed its caseload and believes the most cost effective way to address that district's need is to add a district magistrate judge. That would allow the district judges to center their efforts on the cases that are within the exclusive jurisdiction of a district judge.
3. Each of the district magistrate judge positions certified in this order have been recommended by the chief judge of the judicial district in which the position is to be located and by the Judicial Administrator.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 11th day of May, 2004.



Kay McFarland
Chief Justice