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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

TO: The Honorable Ron Thornburgh
Secretary of State

CAROL E. GREEN
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**ORDER DESIGNATING LOCATION AND CERTIFYING VACANCY FOR
NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DIVISION**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-355 and 2007 House Bill No. 2368, which appropriates non-specific funding to create a new district judge division, the Supreme Court does hereby certify the creation of the new division as follows:

Tenth Judicial District Division No. 19 Johnson County

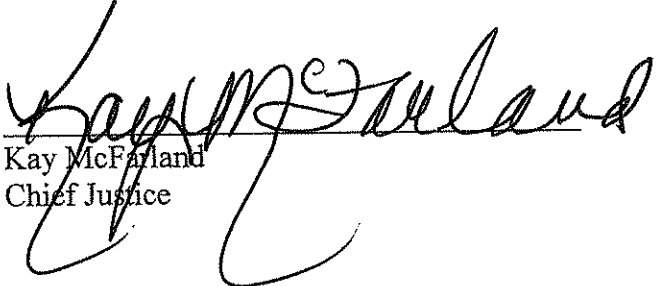
The vacancy thereby created shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 20-355.

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

1. The Tenth Judicial District has grown in population by over 100,000 since the last district judge was added. The district continues to grow at a rate of 10,000 per year. The last fiscal year more criminal cases, 5,070 were filed in the Tenth Judicial District than any other district in the state. The Tenth Judicial District continues to have the highest ratio of population to judges in the state with over 22,000 compared to the state average of 11,500.

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 10th day of May, 2007.



Kay McFarland
Chief Justice