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TO: The Honorable Ron Thornburgh  
Secretary of State

CAROL G. GREEN  
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ORDER DESIGNATING LOCATIONS AND CERTIFYING VACANCIES FOR  
NEW DISTRICT COURT JUDGE POSITIONS

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 20-355 and 2008 Senate Bill No. 534, which appropriates non-specific funding to create three new district judge divisions, the Supreme Court does hereby certify the creation of the new divisions as follows:

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| Second Judicial District.    | Division No. 3  | Pottawatomie County |
| Eighteenth Judicial District | Division No. 27 | Sedgwick County     |
| Eighteenth Judicial District | Division No. 28 | Sedgwick County     |

The district judge divisions herein certified shall be created effective upon publication of 2008 Senate Bill 534 in the Kansas Register. The vacancies thereby created shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 20-355.

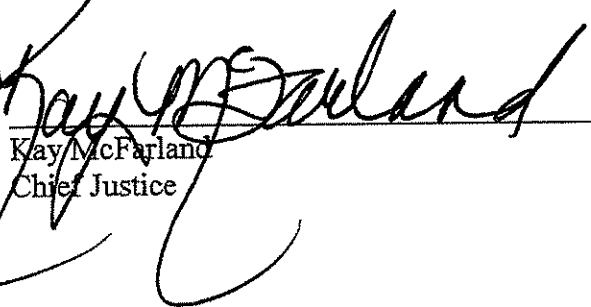
The designation of divisions in the districts so certified are based upon the following findings and conclusions:

1. The Second Judicial District includes the largest casino in the state. Statewide, caseloads increased by 13.8% from FY 1995 to FY 2005. In the same time period, the caseload for the Second Judicial District increased by 44.2%.

2. The Eighteenth Judicial District has the largest number of case filings in the state, with a total of 42,881 case filings without traffic in FY 2007 (68,752 with traffic). The Eighteenth Judicial District was ranked first among the districts with district judges only in Chapter 60, felony, and domestic relations cases in FY 2005. If two district judges were added in the Eighteenth Judicial District, it would remain in first place among the districts with district judges only, with a total of 578 of these cases per judge.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

  
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Kay McFarland  
Chief Justice