

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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**Order Certifying Conversion of District Magistrate Judge Position to New District Judge  
Division in the Seventeenth Judicial District**

TO: The Honorable Scott Schwab  
Secretary of State

Effective July 8, 2022, Seventeenth Judicial District Magistrate Judge Paula Hofaker is resigning from District Magistrate Judge Position 5 in Phillips County.

Under K.S.A. 20-353, the Supreme Court determines that in order to effectively expedite the business of the district court in the Seventeenth Judicial District, District Magistrate Judge Position 5 should be eliminated, and an additional district judge position serving new Division 2 should be created.

This order certifies the elimination of Seventeenth Judicial District Magistrate Judge Position Number 5 and the creation of an additional district judge position which will serve newly created Division Number 2 in the Seventeenth Judicial District, effective July 10, 2022, as follows:

Position Eliminated

District Magistrate Judge, Position Number 5

New Judgeship

District Judge, Division Number 2

To satisfy K.S.A. 20-301b, the person selected for the new District Judge, Division Number 2 judgeship shall be a resident of Phillips County at the time of taking the oath of office, maintain residency in Phillips County while holding office, and have the judge's principal office in Phillips County.

2022 House Substitute for Substitute for Senate Bill No. 267 provides the funding needed for this conversion.

This new district judgeship will be filled in the manner provided by law for filling district judge vacancies in the Seventeenth Judicial District.

Dated this 1st day of July 2022. This order is effective July 10, 2022.

FOR THE COURT



MARLA LUCKERT  
Chief Justice