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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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TO: The Honorable Ron Thornburgh
Secretary of State

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

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 20-355, 2005 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2482, which appropriates non-specific funding to create a new district magistrate judge position, the Supreme Court does hereby certify the creation of a new position as follows:

Tenth Judicial District

Position 4, Johnson County

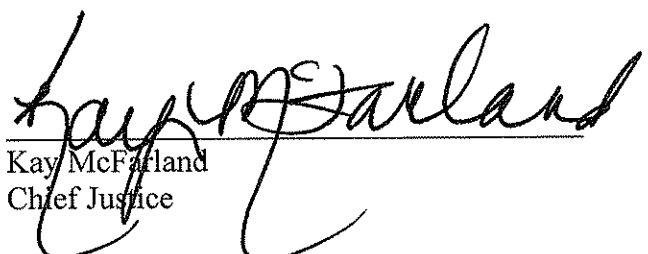
The vacancy thereby created shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 20-355.

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

1. The Tenth Judicial District requested an additional District Magistrate Judge. Johnson County (the 10th Judicial District) has been growing at a rate of 10,000 or more each year for the last ten years. This rate of growth is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. Johnson County currently has 18 district court judges and three magistrate judges. The ratio of judges to population is one judge per 23,809 persons, far exceeding the state average of one judge per 11,538 persons. For judicial districts that use both district court judges and district magistrate judges, the Tenth Judicial District ranks first in caseload per judge (1,599 – less traffic cases) and first in total civil and criminal cases per judge (1,296).

2. The district magistrate judge position certified in this order has 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 4th day of May, 2005.



Kay McFarland
Chief Justice