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Kansas State Constitution Article III: The Judiciary

1. How are other courts in Kansas created?
through law/legislature

SUPREME COURT

2. How many justices are on the Kansas Supreme Court?
7
3. How many justices are required for a case to be heard and decided?
4
4. How is the Chief Justice selected?
the justice most senior in continuous term of service
5. How long is the term of office of a Kansas Supreme Court justice?
6 years
6. When are elections for Kansas Supreme Court justices?
the first general election that occurs after the expiration of twelve months
7. Are there any limits on the number of terms a justice may be elected to?
no
8. How are Kansas Supreme Court justices selected?
governor selects from 3 qualified candidates selected by the supreme court nominating commission
9. What happens if the governor does not make an appointment within 60 days of the submission of nominees?
Chief Justice selects from the list of 3 submitted nominees
10. Who makes up the Supreme Court Nominating Commission?
one member from each congressional district chosen from the members of the bar in each district & one member who is not a lawyer from each congressional district, appointed by the governor
11. In what matters does the Kansas Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?
quo warranto, mandamus and habeas corpus
12. In what matters does the Kansas Supreme Court have appellate jurisdiction?
as provided by law



DISTRICT COURTS

13. How long is the term of office of a District Court judge?
4 years
14. How are District Court judges selected?
elected in nonpartisan elections
15. Are there qualifications to be a District Court judge? If so, what are they?
yes – at least 30 years old, and authorized to practice law in Kansas

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16. What does the Constitution prescribe concerning pay?
it cannot be reduced during terms of office
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Impeached as prescribed in Article II



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