

**20-162. Supreme court to establish judicial personnel classification system; exceptions; contents.** (a)

The supreme court shall establish by rule a judicial personnel classification system for all nonjudicial personnel in the state court system who are not subject to the authority and power of the chief judge of each judicial district pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 20-384, and amendments thereto, and for judicial personnel whose compensation is not otherwise prescribed by law. Such personnel classification system shall prescribe the compensation for all such personnel who are not subject to the authority and power of the chief judge of each judicial district pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 20-384, and amendments thereto. No county may supplement the compensation of district court personnel. Such compensation shall be established so as to be commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of each type and class of personnel. In establishing the compensation for each type and class of personnel, the supreme court shall take into consideration: (1) The compensation of personnel in the executive branch of state government who have comparable duties and responsibilities; and (2) the compensation of similar personnel in the court systems of other states having comparable size, population and characteristics.

(b) The following personnel shall not be included in the judicial personnel classification system:

- (1) County auditors;
- (2) coroners;
- (3) court trustees and personnel in each trustee's office; and
- (4) personnel performing services in adult or juvenile facilities used as a place of detention or for correctional purposes.

The compensation for the above personnel shall be paid by the county as prescribed by law.

(c) The judicial personnel classification system:

- (1) Shall prescribe the powers, duties and functions for each type and class of personnel, which shall be subject to and not inconsistent with any provisions of law prescribing powers, duties and functions of such personnel; and
- (2) shall not infringe upon the authority of the chief judge of a judicial district to expend funds in such judicial district's budget for court administration pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 20-384, and amendments thereto.

(d) In conjunction with the judicial personnel classification system, the supreme court shall prescribe a procedure whereby personnel subject to such classification system who are removed from office by their appointing authority will have an opportunity to seek reinstatement.

**History:** L. 1978, ch. 108, § 2; L. 2014, ch. 82, § 7; July 1.