

**20-3010. Commencement of duties by judge appointed to fill vacancy; rights, privileges, powers and duties; terms of office; eligibility for retention in office; election on question of retention; term for which retained; rejection, vacancy, appointment of successor; failure to declare candidacy, vacancy.** (a) Any person appointed to the office of judge of the court of appeals to fill a vacancy or appointed by reason of the expiration of a term of office, shall serve until the second Monday in January following the next general election which occurs after one year in office and shall be eligible to be retained in office for a full term of four years as provided in K.S.A. 20-3006, and amendments thereto, for the retention of judges first appointed to the court of appeals.

(b) If a majority of the votes cast and counted at such election is in favor of retaining such judge in office, the judge shall remain in office for a regular term of four years from the second Monday in January next following such election. Thereafter, such judge shall be subject to retention in office as provided in K.S.A. 20-3006, and amendments thereto. If a majority of the votes cast and counted at such election is against retaining such judge in office, such judge's position on the court of appeals shall become vacant on the second Monday in January next following the election, and a successor shall be appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 20-3020, and amendments thereto. If such judge does not declare such judge's candidacy for election to be retained in office, such judge's position on the court of appeals shall be vacant on the second Monday in January next following such election.

**History:** L. 1975, ch. 178, § 10; L. 1978, ch. 117, § 1; L. 2013, ch. 1, § 4; July 1.