

**72-64b03. Appointment of three-judge panel; closing of schools or distribution of moneys to schools.** (a) If a petition is filed in a district court of this state alleging a violation of article 6 of the Kansas constitution, the chief judge of such district court shall notify the chief justice of the supreme court of such petition within three business days thereafter.

(b) Within three business days of receiving such notice, the chief justice shall notify the chief judge of the court of appeals. Within 10 business days of receiving notice by the chief justice, the chief judge shall appoint a panel of three current or retired district court judges to preside over such civil action. The chief judge shall designate one of such judges to be the presiding judge of the panel. The judicial panel shall be considered a court of competent jurisdiction to hear and decide the civil action.

(c) The judicial panel shall establish venue pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-64b04, and amendments thereto.

(d) As a part of a remedy, preliminary decision or final decision in which a statute or legislative enactment of this state has been held unconstitutional as a violation of article 6 of the Kansas constitution, the judicial panel or any master or other person or persons appointed by the panel to hear or determine a cause or controversy or to make or enforce any order or remedy ordered by a court pursuant to K.S.A. 60-253, and amendments thereto, or any other provision of law, shall not have the authority to order a school district or any attendance center within a school district to be closed or enjoin the use of all statutes related to the distribution of funds for public education.

**History:** L. 2005, ch. 194, § 22; L. 2005, ch. 2, § 22 (Special Session); July 28.