HOUSE BILL No. 2667

By Committee on Judiciary

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9 AN ACT concerning domestic relations; relating to recodification of certain domestic relations matters; amending K.S.A. 20-164, 20-165, 20-302b, 23-4,118, 60-1606, 60-1613, 60-1620, 60-1629 and 60-3107 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 12-5005 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 23-101, 23-201, 60-1608, 60-1611, 60-1612 and 60-1616 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 60-1610.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. The marriage contract is to be considered in law as a civil contract between two parties who are of opposite sex. All other marriages are declared to be contrary to the public policy of this state and are void. The consent of the parties is essential. The marriage ceremony may be regarded either as a civil ceremony or as a religious sacrament, but the marriage relation shall only be entered into, maintained or abrogated as provided by law.

New Sec. 2. The state of Kansas shall not recognize a common-law marriage contract if either party to the marriage contract is under 18 years of age.

New Sec. 3. The property, real and personal, which any person in this state may own at the time of the person's marriage, and the rents, issues, profits or proceeds thereof, and any real, personal or mixed property which shall come to a person by descent, devise or bequest, and the rents, issues, profits or proceeds thereof, or by gift from any person except the person's spouse, shall remain the person's sole and separate property, notwithstanding the marriage, and not be subject to the disposal of the person's spouse or liable for the spouse's debts.

New Sec. 4. An action for divorce shall not be heard until 60 days after the filing of the petition unless the judge enters an order declaring the existence of an emergency, stating the precise nature of the emergency, the substance of the evidence material to the emergency and the names of the witnesses who gave the evidence. A request for an order declaring the existence of an emergency may be contained in a pleading or made by motion. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, a request for the declaration of an emergency shall not be heard prior to the expiration of the time permitted for the filing of an answer. Unless waived, notice

of the hearing requesting the declaration of an emergency shall be given to all parties not in default not less than seven days prior to the date of the hearing. Upon a finding that an emergency exists, the divorce and all issues pertaining thereto may be heard immediately.

New Sec. 5. In an action for divorce, the court shall conduct a pretrial conference or conferences in accordance with K.S.A. 60-216, and amendments thereto, upon request of either party or on the court's own motion. Any pretrial conference shall be set on a date other than the date of trial and the parties shall be present or available within the courthouse.

New Sec. 6. (a) In an action for divorce, after the filing of the answer or other responsive pleading by the respondent, the court, on its own motion or upon motion of either of the parties, may require both parties to the action to seek marriage counseling if marriage counseling services are available within the judicial district of venue of the action. Neither party shall be required to submit to marriage counseling provided by any religious organization of any particular denomination.

(b) The cost of any counseling authorized by this section may be assessed as costs in the case.

New Sec. 7. (a) If the parties have entered into a separation agreement which the court finds to be valid, just and equitable, the agreement shall be incorporated in the decree. A separation agreement may include provisions relating to a parenting plan. The provisions of the agreement on all matters settled by it shall be confirmed in the decree except that any provisions relating to the legal custody, residency, visitation parenting time, support or education of the minor children shall be subject to the control of the court in accordance with all other provisions of this article.

(b) Matters settled by an agreement incorporated in the decree, other than matters pertaining to the legal custody, residency, visitation, parenting time, support or education of the minor children, shall not be subject to subsequent modification by the court except: (1) As prescribed by the agreement; or (2) as subsequently consented to by the parties.

New Sec. 8. (a) Any marriage contracted by a party, within or outside this state, with any other person before a judgment of divorce becomes final shall be voidable until the decree of divorce becomes final. An agreement which waives the right of appeal from the granting of the divorce and which is incorporated into the decree or signed by the parties and filed in the case shall be effective to shorten the period of time during which the remarriage is voidable.

(b) A judgment or decree of divorce rendered in any other state or territory of the United States, in conformity with the laws thereof, shall be given full faith and credit in this state, except that, if the respondent in the action, at the time of the judgment or decree, was a resident of this state and did not personally appear or defend the action in the court

of that state or territory and that court did not have jurisdiction over the respondent's person, all matters relating to maintenance, property rights of the parties and support of the minor children of the parties shall be subject to inquiry and determination in any proper action or proceeding brought in the courts of this state within two years after the date of the foreign judgment or decree, to the same extent as though the foreign judgment or decree had not been rendered. Nothing in this section shall authorize a court of this state to enter a child custody determination, as defined in K.S.A. 38-1337, and amendments thereto, contrary to the provisions of the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act.

New Sec. 9. In an action for divorce, costs and attorney fees may be awarded to either party as justice and equity require. The court may order that the amount be paid directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's name in the same case.

New Sec. 10. Upon the request of a spouse, the court shall order the restoration of that spouse's maiden or former name. The court shall have jurisdiction to restore the spouse's maiden or former name at or after the time the decree of divorce becomes final. The judicial council shall develop a form which is simple, concise and direct for use with this paragraph.

New Sec. 11. If a party fails to comply with a provision of a decree, temporary order or injunction issued under K.S.A. 60-1601 et seq., and amendments thereto, the obligation of the other party to make payments for support or maintenance or to permit visitation or parenting time is not suspended, but the other party may request by motion that the court grant an appropriate order.

New Sec. 12. (a) All property owned by married persons, including the present value of any vested or unvested military retirement pay, or, for divorce or separate maintenance actions commenced on or after July 1, 1998, professional goodwill to the extent that it is marketable for that particular professional, whether described in section 3, and amendments thereto, or acquired by either spouse after marriage, and whether held individually or by the spouses in some form of co-ownership, such as joint tenancy or tenancy in common, shall become marital property at the time of commencement by one spouse against the other of an action in which a final decree is entered for divorce, separate maintenance, or annulment.

(b) Each spouse has a common ownership in marital property which vests at the time of commencement of such action, the extent of the vested interest to be determined and finalized by the court, pursuant to section 13, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 13. (a) The decree shall divide the real and personal property of the parties, including any retirement and pension plans, whether owned by either spouse prior to marriage, acquired by either spouse in

the spouse's own right after marriage or acquired by the spouses' joint efforts, by: (1) A division of the property in kind; (2) awarding the property or part of the property to one of the spouses and requiring the other to pay a just and proper sum; or (3) ordering a sale of the property, under conditions prescribed by the court, and dividing the proceeds of the sale.

- (b) Upon request, the trial court shall set a valuation date to be used for all assets at trial, which may be the date of separation, filing or trial as the facts and circumstances of the case may dictate. The trial court may consider evidence regarding changes in value of various assets before and after the valuation date in making the division of property. In dividing defined-contribution types of retirement and pension plans, the court shall allocate profits and losses on the nonparticipant's portion until date of distribution to that nonparticipant.
- (c) In making the division of property the court shall consider: (1) the age of the parties; (2) the duration of the marriage; (3) the property owned by the parties; (4) their present and future earning capacities; (5) the time, source and manner of acquisition of property; (6) family ties and obligations; (7) the allowance of maintenance or lack thereof; (8) dissipation of assets; (9) the tax consequences of the property division upon the respective economic circumstances of the parties; and (10) such other factors as the court considers necessary to make a just and reasonable division of property.
- (d) The decree shall provide for any changes in beneficiary designation on: (1) Any insurance or annuity policy that is owned by the parties, or in the case of group life insurance policies, under which either of the parties is a covered person; (2) any trust instrument under which one party is the grantor or holds a power of appointment over part or all of the trust assets, that may be exercised in favor of either party; or (3) any transfer on death or payable on death account under which one or both of the parties are owners or beneficiaries.

Nothing in this section shall relieve the parties of the obligation to effectuate any change in beneficiary designation by the filing of such change with the insurer or issuer in accordance with the terms of such policy.

- New Sec. 14. (a) Any decree of divorce or separate maintenance may award to either party an allowance for future support denominated as maintenance, in an amount the court finds to be fair, just and equitable under all of the circumstances.
- (b) Maintenance may be in a lump sum, in periodic payments, on a percentage of earnings or on any other basis.
- (c) The decree may make the future payments modifiable or terminable under circumstances prescribed in the decree.
- New Sec. 15. At any time, on a hearing with reasonable notice to the

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party affected, the court may modify the amounts or other conditions for the payment of any portion of the maintenance originally awarded that has not already become due, but no modification shall be made without the consent of the party liable for the maintenance, if it has the effect of increasing or accelerating the liability for the unpaid maintenance beyond what was prescribed in the original decree.

New Sec. 16. The court may make a modification of maintenance retroactive to a date at least one month after the date that the motion to modify was filed with the court. In any event, the court may not award maintenance for a period of time in excess of 121 months. If the original court decree reserves the power of the court to hear subsequent motions for reinstatement of maintenance and such a motion is filed prior to the expiration of the stated period of time for maintenance payments, the court shall have jurisdiction to hear a motion by the recipient of the maintenance to reinstate the maintenance payments. Upon motion and hearing, the court may reinstate the payments in whole or in part for a period of time, conditioned upon any modifying or terminating circumstances prescribed by the court, but the reinstatement shall be limited to a period of time not exceeding 121 months. The recipient may file subsequent motions for reinstatement of maintenance prior to the expiration of subsequent periods of time for maintenance payments to be made, but no single period of reinstatement ordered by the court may exceed 121 months.

New Sec. 17. (a) Except for good cause shown, every order requiring payment of maintenance under this section shall require that the maintenance be paid through the central unit for collection and disbursement of support payments designated pursuant to K.S.A. 23-4,118, and amendments thereto. A written agreement between the parties to make direct maintenance payments to the obligee and not pay through the central unit shall constitute good cause.

(b) If child support and maintenance payments are both made to an obligee by the same obligor, and if the court has made a determination concerning the manner of payment of child support, then maintenance payments shall be paid in the same manner.

New Sec. 18. The court shall determine custody or residency of a child in accordance with the best interests of the child.

New Sec. 19. If the parties have entered into a parenting plan, it shall be presumed that the agreement is in the best interests of the child. This presumption may be overcome and the court may make a different order if the court makes specific findings of fact stating why the agreed parenting plan is not in the best interests of the child.

New Sec. 20. In determining the issue of child custody, residency and parenting time, the court shall consider all relevant factors, including

but not limited to:

- (a) The length of time that the child has been under the actual care and control of any person other than a parent and the circumstances relating thereto;
 - (b) the desires of the child's parents as to custody or residency;
- (c) the desires of the child as to the child's custody or residency;
- (d) the interaction and interrelationship of the child with parents, siblings and any other person who may significantly affect the child's best interests:
 - (e) the child's adjustment to the child's home, school and community;
- (f) the willingness and ability of each parent to respect and appreciate the bond between the child and the other parent and to allow for a continuing relationship between the child and the other parent;
 - (g) evidence of spousal abuse;
- (h) whether a parent is subject to the registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901, et seq., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under military or federal law:
- (i) whether a parent has been convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, and amendments thereto;
- (j) whether a parent is residing with an individual who is subject to registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901, et seq., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under military or federal law; and
- (k) whether a parent is residing with an individual who has been convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, and amendments thereto.
- New Sec. 21. Neither parent shall be considered to have a vested interest in the custody or residency of any child as against the other parent, regardless of the age of the child, and there shall be no presumption that it is in the best interests of any infant or young child to give custody or residency to the mother.
- New Sec. 22. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that it is not in the best interest of the child to have custody or residency granted to a parent who:
- (a) Is residing with an individual who is subject to registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901, et seq., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under military or federal law; or
- (b) is residing with an individual who has been convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, and amendments thereto.
- New Sec. 23. Subject to the provisions of this article, the court may make any order relating to custodial arrangements which is in the best interests of the child. The order shall provide one of the following legal

custody arrangements, in the order of preference: (a) *Joint legal custody*. The court may order the joint legal custody of a child with both parties. In that event, the parties shall have equal rights to make decisions in the best interests of the child.

(b) Sole legal custody. The court may order the sole legal custody of a child with one of the parties when the court finds that it is not in the best interests of the child that both of the parties have equal rights to make decisions pertaining to the child. If the court does not order joint legal custody, the court shall include on the record specific findings of fact upon which the order for sole legal custody is based. The award of sole legal custody to one parent shall not deprive the other parent of access to information regarding the child unless the court shall so order, stating the reasons for that determination.

New Sec. 24. After making a determination of the legal custodial arrangements, the court shall determine the residency of the child from the following options, which arrangement the court must find to be in the best interest of the child. The parties shall submit to the court either an agreed parenting plan or, in the case of dispute, proposed parenting plans for the court's consideration. Such options are:

- (a) Residency. The court may order a residential arrangement in which the child resides with one or both parents on a basis consistent with the best interests of the child.
- (b) Divided residency. In an exceptional case, the court may order a residential arrangement in which one or more children reside with each parent and have parenting time with the other.
- (c) Nonparental residency. If during the proceedings the court determines that there is probable cause to believe that the child is a child in need of care as defined by subsections (d)(1), (d)(2), (d)(3) or (d)(11) of K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 38-2202, and amendments thereto, or that neither parent is fit to have residency, the court may award temporary residency of the child to a grandparent, aunt, uncle or adult sibling, or, another person or agency if the court finds by written order that: (1) (A) The child is likely to sustain harm if not immediately removed from the home;
- (B) allowing the child to remain in home is contrary to the welfare of the child: or
- (C) immediate placement of the child is in the best interest of the child; and
- (2) reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the family unit and prevent the unnecessary removal of the child from the child's home or that an emergency exists which threatens the safety to the child. In making such a residency order, the court shall give preference, to the extent that the court finds it is in the best interests of the child, first to awarding such residency to a relative of the child by blood, marriage or

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adoption and second to awarding such residency to another person with whom the child has close emotional ties. The court may make temporary orders for care, support, education and visitation that it considers appropriate. Temporary residency orders are to be entered in lieu of temporary orders provided for in K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 38-2243 and 38-2244, and amendments thereto, and shall remain in effect until there is a final determination under the revised Kansas code for care of children. An award of temporary residency under this paragraph shall not terminate parental rights nor give the court the authority to consent to the adoption of the child. When the court enters orders awarding temporary residency of the child to an agency or a person other than the parent, the court shall refer a transcript of the proceedings to the county or district attorney. The county or district attorney shall file a petition as provided in K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 38-2234, and amendments thereto, and may request termination of parental rights pursuant to K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 38-2266, and amendments thereto. The costs of the proceedings shall be paid from the general fund of the county. When a final determination is made that the child is not a child in need of care, the county or district attorney shall notify the court in writing and the court, after a hearing, shall enter appropriate custody orders pursuant to this section. If the same judge presides over both proceedings, the notice is not required. Any disposition pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children shall be binding and shall supersede any order under this section.

New Sec. 25. (a) A parent is entitled to reasonable parenting time unless the court finds, after a hearing, that the exercise of parenting time would seriously endanger the child's physical, mental, moral or emotional health.

- (b) An order granting visitation rights or parenting time pursuant to this section may be enforced in accordance with the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act, or K.S.A. 23-701, and amendments thereto.
- m (c) The court may order exchange or visitation to take place at a child exchange and visitation center, as established in K.S.A. 75-720, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 26. (a) Subject to the provisions of the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act (K.S.A. 38-1336 through 38-1377, and amendments thereto), the court may change or modify any prior order of custody, residency, visitation and parenting time, when a material change of circumstances is shown, but no ex parte order shall have the effect of changing residency of a minor child from the parent who has had the sole de facto residency of the child to the other parent unless there is sworn testimony to support a showing of extraordinary circumstances. If an interlocutory order is issued ex parte, the court shall hear

a motion to vacate or modify the order within 15 days of the date that a party requests a hearing whether to vacate or modify the order.

(b) The court may order physical or mental examinations of the parties if requested pursuant to K.S.A. 60-235, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 27. Motions to modify legal custody, residency, visitation rights or parenting time in proceedings where support obligations are enforced under part D of title IV of the federal social security act (42 USC \S 651 *et seq.*), as amended, shall be considered proceedings in connection with the administration of the title IV-D program for the sole purpose of disclosing information necessary to obtain service of process on the parent with physical custody of the child.

New Sec. 28. (a) The court may modify an order granting or denying parenting time or visitation rights whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child.

- (b) Repeated unreasonable denial of or interference with visitation rights or parenting time granted pursuant to this section may be considered a material change of circumstances which justifies modification of a prior order of legal custody, residency, visitation or parenting time.
- (c) Any party may petition the court to modify an order granting visitation rights or parenting time to require that the exchange or transfer of children for visitation or parenting time take place at a child exchange and visitation center, as established in K.S.A. 75-720, and amendments thereto. The court may modify an order granting visitation whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child.

New Sec. 29. (a) Grandparents and stepparents may be granted visitation rights.

- (b) The court may modify an order granting or denying parenting time or visitation rights whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child.
- (c) Repeated unreasonable denial of or interference with visitation rights or parenting time granted pursuant to this section may be considered a material change of circumstances which justifies modification of a prior order of legal custody, residency, visitation or parenting time.
- (d) (1) The court may order exchange or visitation to take place at a child exchange and visitation center, as established in K.S.A. 75-720, and amendments thereto.
- (2) Any party may petition the court to modify an order granting visitation rights or parenting time to require that the exchange or transfer of children for visitation or parenting time take place at a child exchange and visitation center, as established in K.S.A. 75-720, and amendments thereto. The court may modify an order granting visitation whenever modification would serve the best interests of the child.

43 New Sec. 30. (a) In any action for divorce or separate maintenance

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the court shall make provisions for the support and education of the minor children.

- Regardless of the type of custodial arrangement ordered by the court, the court may order the child support and education expenses to be paid by either or both parents for any child less than 18 years of age, at which age the support shall terminate unless: (1) The parent or parents agree, by written agreement approved by the court, to pay support beyond the time the child reaches 18 years of age; (2) the child reaches 18 years of age before completing the child's high school education in which case the support shall not terminate automatically, unless otherwise ordered by the court, until June 30 of the school year during which the child became 18 years of age if the child is still attending high school; or (3) the child is still a bona fide high school student after June 30 of the school year during which the child became 18 years of age, in which case the court, on motion, may order support to continue through the school year during which the child becomes 19 years of age so long as the child is a bona fide high school student and the parents jointly participated or knowingly acquiesced in the decision which delayed the child's completion of high school. The court, in extending support pursuant to subsection (b)(3), may impose such conditions as are appropriate and shall set the child support utilizing the guideline table category for 12-year through 18-year old children. For purposes of this section, "bona fide high school student" means a student who is enrolled in full accordance with the policy of the accredited high school in which the student is pursuing a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency diploma (GED).
- (c) Provision for payment of support and educational expenses of a child after reaching 18 years of age if still attending high school shall apply to any child subject to the jurisdiction of the court, including those whose support was ordered prior to July 1, 1992. If an agreement approved by the court prior to July 1, 1992, provides for termination of support before the date provided by subsection (b)(3), the court may review and modify such agreement, and any order based on such agreement, to extend the date for termination of support to the date provided by subsection (b)(3).

New Sec. 31. In determining the amount to be paid for child support, the court shall consider all relevant factors, without regard to marital misconduct, including the financial resources and needs of both parents, the financial resources and needs of the child and the physical and emotional condition of the child. Until a child reaches 18 years of age, the court may set apart any portion of property of either the husband or wife, or both, that seems necessary and proper for the support of the child.

New Sec. 32. The court may order that each parent execute any and all documents, including any releases, necessary so that both parents may

obtain information from and to communicate with any health insurance provider regarding the health insurance coverage provided by such health insurance provider to the child. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply irrespective of which parent owns, subscribes or pays for such health insurance coverage.

New Sec. 33. Except for good cause shown, every order requiring payment of child support under this section shall require that the support be paid through the central unit for collection and disbursement of support payments designated pursuant to K.S.A. 23-4,118, and amendments thereto. A written agreement between the parties to make direct child support payments to the obligee and not pay through the central unit shall constitute good cause, unless the court finds the agreement is not in the best interest of the child or children. The obligor shall file such written agreement with the court. The obligor shall maintain written evidence of the payment of the support obligation and, at least annually, shall provide such evidence to the court and the obligee.

New Sec. 34. (a) The court may modify or change any prior order, including any order issued in a title IV-D case, within three years of the date of the original order or a modification order, when a material change in circumstances is shown, irrespective of the present domicile of the child or the parents. If more than three years has passed since the date of the original order or modification order, a material change in circumstance need not be shown.

(b) The court may make a modification of child support retroactive to a date at least one month after the date that the motion to modify was filed with the court. Any increase in support ordered effective prior to the date the court's judgment is filed shall not become a lien on real property pursuant to K.S.A. 60-2202, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 35. If the divorce decree of the parties provides for an abatement of child support during any period provided in such decree, the child support such nonresidential parent owes for such period shall abate during such period of time, except that if the residential parent shows that the criteria for the abatement has not been satisfied there shall not be an abatement of such child support.

New Sec. 36. An order granting visitation rights or parenting time pursuant to this section may be enforced in accordance with the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act, or K.S.A. 23-701, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 37. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 12-5005 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-5005. (a) Every retired member of a local police or fire pension plan and every active member of the plan who is entitled to make an election to become a member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5003 or 74-4955 and amendments

thereto and who does not so elect shall become a special member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system on the entry date of the city which is affiliating with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system with regard to all active members and retired members of the local police or fire pension plan under K.S.A. 74-4954 and amendments thereto.

- (b) Beginning with the first payroll for services as a policeman or fireman after an active member of a local police or fire pension plan becomes a special member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system under this section, the city shall deduct from the compensation of each special member the greater of 7% or the percentage rate of contribution which the active member was required to contribute to the local police or fire pension plan preceding the entry date of the city, as employee contributions. The deductions shall be remitted quarterly, or as the board of trustees otherwise provides, to the executive secretary of the Kansas public employees retirement system for credit to the Kansas public employees retirement fund. All deductions shall be credited to the special members' individual accounts beginning on July 1 of the year following the entry date of the city for purposes of all active and retired members of the local police and fire pension plan.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this act, each active member of a local police or fire pension plan who becomes a special member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system under this section shall be subject to the provisions of and entitled to pensions and other benefits, rights and privileges to the extent provided under the local police and fire pension plan on the day immediately preceding the entry date of the city which is affiliating with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system with regard to all active members and retired members of the plan.
- (d) Each retired member of a local police or fire pension plan who becomes a special member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system under this section shall be entitled to receive from the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system a pension or any other benefit to the same extent and subject to the same conditions as existed under the local police or fire pension plan on the day immediately preceding the entry date of the city which is affiliating with the system with regard to all active members and retired members of the plan under K.S.A. 74-4954 and amendments thereto, except no retired special member shall be appointed in or to a position or office for which compensation is paid for service to the same state agency, or the same police or fire department of a city, township, special district or county or the same sheriff's office of a county. This subsection shall not apply to service rendered by a retiree as a juror, as a witness in any legal proceeding or action, as an election board judge or clerk or in any other office or position of a similar

nature. However, all such benefits paid shall be paid in accordance with the applicable requirements under section 401 (a)(9) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986 as applicable to governmental plans, as in effect on July 1, 2008, and the regulations thereto, as in effect on July 1, 2008, and in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,123, and amendments thereto. Any retiree employed by a participating employer in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall not make contributions or receive additional credit under the system for that service. This subsection, except as it relates to contributions and additional credit, shall not apply to the employment of any retiree by the state of Kansas, or any county, city, township, special district, political subdivision or instrumentality of any one or several of the aforementioned for a period of not exceeding 30 days in any one calendar year.

(e) (1) Every pension or other benefit received by any special member pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) is hereby made and declared exempt from any tax of the state of Kansas or any political subdivision or taxing body of this state; shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment or any other process or claim whatsoever, except such pension or benefit or any accumulated contributions due and owing from the system to such special member are subject to decrees for child support or maintenance, or both, as provided in K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto; and shall be unassignable, except that within 30 days after the death of a retirant the lump-sum death benefit payable to a retirant pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4989 and amendments thereto may be assignable to a funeral establishment providing funeral services to such retirant by the beneficiary of such retirant. The Kansas public employees retirement system shall not be a party to any action under article 16 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and is subject to orders from such actions issued by the district court of the county where such action was filed. Such orders from such actions shall specify either a specific amount or specific percentage of the amount of the pension or benefit or any accumulated contributions due and owing from the system to be distributed by the system pursuant to this act.

(2) Every pension or other benefit received by any special member pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) is hereby made and declared exempt from any tax of the state of Kansas or any political subdivision or taxing body of this state; shall not be subject to execution, garnishment, attachment or any other process or claim whatsoever, except such pension or benefit or any accumulated contributions due and owing from the system to such special members are subject to claims of an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order. As used in this subsection, the terms

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 "alternate payee" and "qualified domestic relations order" shall have the meaning ascribed to them in section 414(p) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as in effect on July 1, 2008. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any qualified domestic relations order which is in effect on or after July 1, 1994.

- (f) (1) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,123 and amendments thereto, each participating employer, pursuant to the provisions of section 414(h)(2) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, as in effect on July 1, 2008, shall pick up and pay the contributions which would otherwise be payable by members as prescribed in subsection (b) commencing with the third quarter of 1984. The contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions for purposes of determining the amounts of federal income taxes to withhold from the member's compensation.
- (2) Member contributions picked up by the employer shall be paid from the same source of funds used for the payment of compensation to a member. A deduction shall be made from each member's compensation equal to the amount of the member's contributions picked up by the employer, provided that such deduction shall not reduce the member's compensation for purposes of computing benefits under K.S.A. 12-5001 to 12-5007, inclusive, and amendments thereto.
- (3) Member contributions picked up by the employer shall be remitted quarterly, or as the board may otherwise provide, to the executive secretary for credit to the Kansas public employees retirement fund. Such contributions shall be credited to a separate account within the member's individual account so that amounts contributed by the member commencing with the third quarter of 1984 may be distinguished from the member contributions picked up by the employer. Interest shall be added annually to members' individual accounts.
- Sec. 38. K.S.A. 20-164 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-164. (a) The supreme court shall establish by rule an expedited judicial process which shall be used in the establishment, modification and enforcement of orders of support pursuant to the Kansas parentage act; K.S.A. 23-451 et seq., 39-718a, 39-755, 60-1610, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 39-718b, and amendments thereto; K.S.A. 2007 2009 Supp. 38-2243, 38-2244 or 38-2255, and amendments thereto; or K.S.A. 23-4,105 through 23-4,118 and amendments thereto; or K.S.A. 23-4,125 through 23-4,137, and amendments thereto; or sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto.
- (b) The supreme court shall establish by rule an expedited judicial process for the enforcement of court orders granting visitation rights or parenting time.
- 43 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 20-165 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-165.

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The supreme court shall adopt rules establishing guidelines for the amount of child support to be ordered in any action in this state including, 2 3 but not limited to, K.S.A. 38-1121, 39-755 and 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 4 35, and amendments thereto. In adopting such rules, the court shall consider the criteria in K.S.A. 38-1121, and amendments thereto. 6

Sec. 40. K.S.A. 20-302b is hereby amended to read as follows: 20-302b. (a) A district magistrate judge shall have the jurisdiction and power, in any case in which a violation of the laws of the state is charged, to conduct the trial of traffic infractions, cigarette or tobacco infractions or misdemeanor charges, to conduct the preliminary examination of felony charges and to hear felony arraignments subject to assignment pursuant to K.S.A. 20-329 and amendments thereto. Except as otherwise provided, in civil cases, a district magistrate judge shall have jurisdiction over actions filed under the code of civil procedure for limited actions, K.S.A. 61-2801 et seq., and amendments thereto, and concurrent jurisdiction, powers and duties with a district judge. Except as otherwise specifically provided in subsection (b), a district magistrate judge shall not have jurisdiction or cognizance over the following actions:

- (1) Any action, other than an action seeking judgment for an unsecured debt not sounding in tort and arising out of a contract for the provision of goods, services or money, in which the amount in controversy, exclusive of interests and costs, exceeds \$10,000. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to actions filed under the code of civil procedure for limited actions, K.S.A. 61-2801 et seq. and amendments thereto. In actions of replevin, the affidavit in replevin or the verified petition fixing the value of the property shall govern the jurisdiction. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting the power of a district magistrate judge to hear any action pursuant to the Kansas probate code or to issue support orders as provided by paragraph (6) of this subsection;
- (2)actions against any officers of the state, or any subdivisions thereof, for misconduct in office;
 - actions for specific performance of contracts for real estate;
- actions in which title to real estate is sought to be recovered or in which an interest in real estate, either legal or equitable, is sought to be established. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting the right to bring an action for forcible detainer as provided in the acts contained in K.S.A. 61-3801 through 61-3808, and amendments thereto. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting the power of a district magistrate judge to hear any action pursuant to the Kansas probate code:
- (5)actions to foreclose real estate mortgages or to establish and fore-

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close liens on real estate as provided in the acts contained in article 11 of chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; 2

- (6) actions for divorce, separate maintenance or custody of minor children. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as limiting the power of a district magistrate judge to: (A) Except as provided in subsection (e), hear any action pursuant to the Kansas code for care of children or the revised Kansas juvenile justice code; (B) establish, modify or enforce orders of support, including, but not limited to, orders of support pursuant to the Kansas parentage act, K.S.A. 23-9,101 et seq., 39-718b, 39-755 or 60-1610 or K.S.A. 23-4,105 through 23-4,118, 23-4,125 through 23-4,137, or K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 38-2338, 38-2339 or, 38-2350 or sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto; or (C) enforce orders granting visitation rights or parenting time;
- habeas corpus; (7)
- 16 (8)receiverships;
- 17 change of name; (9)
 - declaratory judgments;
- mandamus and quo warranto; 19 (11)
- 20 (12)injunctions;
- 21 (13)class actions;
 - (14)rights of majority; and
- 23 (15)actions pursuant to K.S.A. 59-29a01 et seq. and amendments 24 thereto.
 - Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), in the absence, (b) disability or disqualification of a district judge, a district magistrate judge
 - (1)Grant a restraining order, as provided in K.S.A. 60-902 and amendments thereto;
- 30 appoint a receiver, as provided in K.S.A. 60-1301 and amendments thereto; and
- 32 (3)make any order authorized by K.S.A. 60-1607 and amendments 33 thereto.
 - (c) In accordance with the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, and subject to any rules of the supreme court relating thereto, any appeal permitted to be taken from an order or final decision of a district magistrate judge shall be tried and determined *de novo* by a district judge, except that in civil cases where a record was made of the action or proceeding before the district magistrate judge, the appeal shall be tried and determined on the record by a district judge.
 - (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), upon motion of a party, the chief judge may reassign an action from a district magistrate judge to a district judge.

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 (e) Upon motion of a party for a petition or motion filed under the Kansas code for care of children requesting termination of parental rights pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 38-2361 through 38-2367, and amendments thereto, the chief judge shall reassign such action from a district magistrate judge to a district judge.

Sec. 41. K.S.A. 23-4,118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 23-4,118. (a) The department of social and rehabilitation services, the title IV-D agency for the state, shall maintain a central unit for collection and disbursement of support payments to meet the requirements of title IV-D and this section. Such central unit shall be known as the Kansas payment center. The name "Kansas payment center" shall be reserved for use by the state of Kansas for the functions of the central unit and shall not be used by any entity without the consent of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services.

The department may contract with another entity for development, enhancement or operation, in whole or in part, of such central unit. The Kansas payment center shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- (1) The Kansas payment center shall be subject to the Kansas supreme court rule concerning official child support and maintenance records established pursuant to subsection (c).
- (2) No contract shall include provisions allowing the contractor to be paid, in whole or in part, on the basis of an amount per phone call received by the center nor allowing the contractor to be paid an amount per check issued for checks that were issued in error by the center. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the secretary of social and rehabilitation services from compensating on the basis of an amount per phone call any contractor that does not process receipts or disbursements under this section.
- (3) Any contract for processing receipts or disbursements under this section shall include penalty provisions for noncompliance with federal regulations relating to the timeliness of collections and disbursements and shall include a monetary penalty of \$100 for each erroneous transaction, whether related to collection or disbursement. Penalties shall be collected as and when assessed. Of the penalty, \$25 shall be allocated to the obligee and \$75 shall be allocated to the department of social and rehabilitation services.
- (4) Designees of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services and designees of the office of judicial administration shall have full access to all data, subject to the provisions of title IV-D of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq. Designees of the secretary of social and rehabilitation services, all district court clerks and court trustees shall have access to records of the Kansas payment center sufficient to allow them

to assist in the process of matching support payments to the correct accounts.

- (5) The Kansas payment center shall provide sufficient customer service staff during regular business hours. Obligors and obligees shall be provided 24-hour access to information about the status of receipts and disbursements, including, but not limited to, date of receipt by the center, date of processing by the center and date of disbursement to the obligee.
- (b) The Kansas payment center shall have, by operation of law, a limited power of attorney to perform the specific act of endorsing and negotiating all drafts, checks, money orders or other negotiable instruments representing support payments received by the center. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as affecting the property rights or interests of any person in such negotiable instruments. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any negotiable instrument received by the center on or after October 1, 2000.
- (c) The Kansas supreme court, by court rule, shall establish the procedure for the creation, maintenance and correction of official child support and maintenance records for use as official court records.
- (d) The department shall collaborate with the Kansas supreme court to maintain the Kansas payment center, which shall include all support payments subject to the requirements of title IV-D of the federal social security act, 42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq., and, except as specifically directed otherwise by the court pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto, all other support payments due under a court order entered in this state.
- (e) Any provision in any support order or income withholding order entered in this state which requires remittance of support payments to the clerk of the district court or district court trustee shall be deemed to require remittance of support payments to the Kansas payment center, regardless of the date the support or income withholding order was entered.
- (f) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, payments received by the Kansas payment center which cannot be matched to any account nor returned to the payor shall be transferred to the state treasurer in accordance with the unclaimed property act.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, disbursements which cannot be delivered to the payee after a good faith effort to locate the payee shall be transferred to the state treasurer in accordance with the unclaimed property act.
- (3) To the extent that the secretary of social and rehabilitation services would be required to treat as federal program income any amount transferable to the state treasurer pursuant to this subsection or the un-

claimed property act, such amount shall not be presumed abandoned but shall be held by the secretary until the amount may be delivered to the true owner. The secretary and the state treasurer shall collaborate on procedures for locating the true owner and confirming claims to amounts so held.

Sec. 42. K.S.A. 60-1606 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-1606. The court shall grant a requested decree of divorce, separate maintenance or annulment unless the granting of the decree is discretionary under this act or unless the court finds that there are no grounds for the requested alteration of marital status. If a decree of divorce, separate maintenance or annulment is denied for lack of grounds, the court shall nevertheless, if application is made by one of the parties, make the orders authorized by subsections (a) and (b) of K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 1 and 2, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 43. K.S.A. 60-1613 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-1613. (a) The provisions of K.S.A. 23-4,107 shall apply to all orders of support issued under K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any assignment previously ordered under this section remains binding on the employer, trustee or other payor of the earnings or income. The payor shall withhold from the earnings or trust income payable to the person obligated to support the amount specified in the assignment and shall transmit the payments to the district court trustee or the person specified in the order. The payor may withhold from the earnings or trust income payable to the person obliged to pay support a cost recovery fee of \$5 for each payment made or \$10 for each month for which payment is made, whichever is less. An employer shall not discharge or otherwise discipline an employee as a result of an assignment previously ordered under this section.

Sec. 44. K.S.A. 60-1620 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-1620. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), a parent entitled to legal custody or residency of or parenting time with a child pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto, shall give written notice to the other parent not less than 30 days prior to: (1) Changing the residence of the child; or (2) removing the child from this state for a period of time exceeding 90 days. Such notice shall be sent by restricted mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the other parent.

(b) Failure to give notice as required by subsection (a) is an indirect civil contempt punishable as provided by law. In addition, the court may assess, against the parent required to give notice, reasonable attorney fees

and any other expenses incurred by the other parent by reason of the failure to give notice.

- (c) A change of the residence or the removal of a child as described in subsection (a) may be considered a material change of circumstances which justifies modification of a prior order of legal custody, residency, child support or parenting time. In determining any motion seeking a modification of a prior order based on change of residence or removal as described in (a), the court shall consider all factors the court deems appropriate including, but not limited to: (1) The effect of the move on the best interests of the child; (2) the effect of the move on any party having rights granted pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto; and (3) the increased cost the move will impose on any party seeking to exercise rights granted under K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto.
- (d) A parent entitled to the legal custody or residency of a child pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto, shall not be required to give the notice required by this section to the other parent when the other parent has been convicted of any crime specified in article 34, 35 or 36 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated in which the child is the victim of such crime.
- Sec. 45. K.S.A. 60-1629 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-1629. (a) A parent entitled to legal custody of, or residency of, or parenting time with a child pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto, shall give written notice to the other parent of one or more of the following events when such parent: (1) Is subject to the registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901, et seq., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under military or federal law; (2) has been convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, and amendments thereto; (3) is residing with an individual who is known by the parent to be subject to the registration requirements of the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901, et seg., and amendments thereto, or any similar act in any other state, or under military or federal law; or (4) is residing with an individual who is known by the parent to have been convicted of abuse of a child, K.S.A. 21-3609, and amendments thereto. Such notice shall be sent by restricted mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the other parent within 10 days following such event.
- (b) Failure to give notice as required by subsection (a) is an indirect civil contempt punishable as provided by law. In addition, the court may

assess, against the parent required to give notice, reasonable attorney fees and any other expenses incurred by the other parent by reason of the failure to give notice.

- (c) An event described in subsection (a) may be considered a material change of circumstances which justifies modification of a prior order of legal custody, residency, child support or parenting time.
- Sec. 46. K.S.A. 60-3107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-3107. (a) The court may approve any consent agreement to bring about a cessation of abuse of the plaintiff or minor children or grant any of the following orders:
- (1) Restraining the defendant from abusing, molesting or interfering with the privacy or rights of the plaintiff or of any minor children of the parties. Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation may constitute assault as provided in K.S.A. 21-3408, and amendments thereto, battery as provided in K.S.A. 21-3412, and amendments thereto and violation of a protective order as provided in K.S.A. 21-3843, and amendments thereto.
- (2) Granting possession of the residence or household to the plaintiff to the exclusion of the defendant, and further restraining the defendant from entering or remaining upon or in such residence or household, subject to the limitation of subsection (d). Such order shall contain a statement that if such order is violated, such violation shall constitute criminal trespass as provided in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 21-3721, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as provided in K.S.A. 21-3843, and amendments thereto. The court may grant an order, which shall expire 60 days following the date of issuance, restraining the defendant from cancelling utility service to the residence or household.
- (3) Requiring defendant to provide suitable, alternate housing for the plaintiff and any minor children of the parties.
- (4) Awarding temporary custody and residency and establishing temporary parenting time with regard to minor children.
- (5) Ordering a law enforcement officer to evict the defendant from the residence or household.
- (6) Ordering support payments by a party for the support of a party's minor child, if the party is the father or mother of the child, or the plaintiff, if the plaintiff is married to the defendant. Such support orders shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court or until expiration and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year. On the motion of the plaintiff, the court may extend the effect of such order for 12 months.
- (7) Awarding costs and attorney fees to either party.
- (8) Making provision for the possession of personal property of the

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parties and ordering a law enforcement officer to assist in securing possession of that property, if necessary.

- (9) Requiring any person against whom an order is issued to seek counseling to aid in the cessation of abuse.
- (10) Ordering or restraining any other acts deemed necessary to promote the safety of the plaintiff or of any minor children of the parties.
- (b) No protection from abuse order shall be entered against the plaintiff unless:
- (1) The defendant properly files a written cross or counter petition seeking such a protection order;
 - (2) the plaintiff had reasonable notice of the written cross or counter petition by personal service as provided in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 60-3104, and amendments thereto; and
 - (3) the issuing court made specific findings of abuse against both the plaintiff and the defendant and determined that both parties acted primarily as aggressors and neither party acted primarily in self-defense.
 - (c) Any order entered under the protection from abuse act shall not be subject to modification on ex parte application or on motion for temporary orders in any action filed pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1601 et seq., or K.S.A. 38-1101 et seq., and amendments thereto. Orders previously issued in an action filed pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1601 et seq., or K.S.A. 38-1101 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be subject to modification under the protection from abuse act only as to those matters subject to modification by the terms of K.S.A. 60-1610 et seq. sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto, and on sworn testimony to support a showing of good cause. Immediate and present danger of abuse to the plaintiff or minor children shall constitute good cause. If an action is filed pursuant to K.S.A. 60-1610 et seq. sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, or K.S.A. 38-1101 et seq., and amendments thereto, during the pendency of a proceeding filed under the protection from abuse act or while an order issued under the protection from abuse act is in effect, the court, on final hearing or on agreement of the parties, may issue final orders authorized by K.S.A. 60-1610 sections 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and amendments thereto, that are inconsistent with orders entered under the protection from abuse act. Any inconsistent order entered pursuant to this subsection shall be specific in its terms, reference the protection from abuse order and parts thereof being modified and a copy thereof shall be filed in both actions. The court shall consider whether the actions should be consolidated in accordance with K.S.A. 60-242 and amendments thereto.
 - (d) If the parties to an action under the protection from abuse act

are not married to each other and one party owns the residence or household, the court shall not have the authority to grant possession of the residence or household under subsection (a)(2) to the exclusion of the party who owns it.

- (e) Subject to the provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d), a protective order or approved consent agreement shall remain in effect until modified or dismissed by the court and shall be for a fixed period of time not to exceed one year, except that, on motion of the plaintiff, such period may be extended for one additional year.
- (f) The court may amend its order or agreement at any time upon motion filed by either party.
- (g) No order or agreement under the protection from abuse act shall in any manner affect title to any real property.
- (h) If a person enters or remains on premises or property violating an order issued pursuant to subsection (a)(2), such violation shall constitute criminal trespass as provided in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 21-3721, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as provided in K.S.A. 21-3843, and amendments thereto. If a person abuses, molests or interferes with the privacy or rights of another violating an order issued pursuant to subsection (a)(1), such violation may constitute assault as provided in K.S.A. 21-3408, and amendments thereto, battery as provided in K.S.A. 21-3412, and amendments thereto, and violation of a protective order as provided in K.S.A. 21-3843, and amendments thereto.
- 25 Sec. 47. K.S.A. 20-164, 20-165, 20-302b, 23-101, 23-201, 23-4,118, 26 60-1606, 60-1608, 60-1611, 60-1612, 60-1613, 60-1616, 60-1620, 60-1629 27 and 60-3107 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 12-5005 and 60-1610 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 48. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.