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### **Supreme Court accepting comment on proposed amendments to Rule 502 affecting continuing education requirements for municipal court judges**

TOPEKA—The Kansas Supreme Court is accepting public comment on proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule 502 that will strengthen continuing education requirements for municipal court judges who do not have law licenses.

Comment may be made by email to [publiccomments@kscourts.org](mailto:publiccomments@kscourts.org) until 5 p.m. Sunday, August 6, 2017. The subject line must read Rule 502.

The proposed amended rule is available for review on the Kansas judicial branch website at [www.kscourts.org](http://www.kscourts.org) under the heading *What's New*.

Currently, a municipal court judge who does not have a law license, and who is not a district magistrate judge, is required to complete 10 hours of continuing judicial education each year to remain qualified to serve as a municipal court judge.

If adopted, the proposed amendments to Rule 502 will increase from 10 to 13 the number of hours of continuing judicial education a municipal court judge must complete each year if he or she does not have a law license. Two of these hours must be training on judicial ethics. The proposed amendments also clarify that training must relate to municipal court functions and duties.

Kansas currently has approximately 390 municipal courts and 230 municipal court judges. About 55 of the 230 municipal court judges will be affected by the proposed amendments to Rule 502.

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