



# **STATE OF KANSAS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (during COVID-19 pandemic)**

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## **KANSAS COVID-19 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, ETC.**

As of November 24, 2020, all statutes of limitations and statutory time standards or deadlines applying to the conduct or processing of judicial proceedings are suspended in Kansas.

On March 18, 2020, Chief Justice Marla Luckert of the Kansas Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 which imposed statewide judiciary restricted operations due to COVID-19 emergency. Paragraph 15 of the order reads as follows:

Effective upon publication of 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 102, all statutes of limitations and statutory time standards or deadlines applying to the conduct or processing of judicial proceedings is suspended until further order. During the effective dates of this Administrative Order, no action shall be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

On March 19, 2020, 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 102 was published in the Kansas Register. New section 1(a) of the bill reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, during any state of disaster emergency pursuant to K.S.A. 48-924, and amendments thereto, the chief justice of the Kansas supreme court may issue an order to extend or suspend any deadlines or time limitations established by statute when the chief justice determines such action is necessary to secure the health and safety of court users, staff and judicial officers.

The bill also grants the Chief Justice the power to authorize the use of two-way electronic audio-visual communication in any court proceeding. Furthermore, the bill permits any order issued by the Chief Justice pursuant to new section 1 to remain in effect for up to 150 days after a state of disaster emergency is terminated.

The Chief Justice has ordered the continuation of Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 through the following orders:

- Administrative Order 2020-PR-32 issued on April 3, 2020.
- Administrative Order 2020-PR-047 issued May 1, 2020.
- Administrative Order 2020-PR-058 issued May 27, 2020.
- Administrative Order 2020-PR-101 issued September 15, 2020.
- Administrative Order 2020-PR-107 issued October 14, 2020.
- Administrative Order 2020-PR-113 issued November 13, 2020.

The above administrative orders remain in effect until the Chief Justice issues a further order or upon their expiration pursuant to 2020 House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 102.

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