

Local judge seeking re-election

(KNZA)--Local District Judge Jim Patton is seeking another 4-year term.

The Hiawatha Republican recently filed for re-election.

Patton serves as chief judge in the state's 22nd Judicial District, which includes Brown, Doniphan, Marshall and Nemaha Counties.

Patton says he'd like to continue oversight of a new digital filing system soon to be operating in local courts.

As district administrator, Patton and staff have worked with the state to create a centralized case management system along with other judicial districts statewide.

The process, started a few years ago, aims to eliminate paper and go entirely digital.

Patton has served on the local bench for 24 years, or six terms.

He was municipal judge in Highland, Hiawatha and Horton before his election to state district court.

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