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KS Prepares For Special Session

(AP)--Gov. Sam Brownback is preparing to issue a proclamation that officially calls the Kansas Legislature into special session Sept. 3.

Brownback scheduled a signing ceremony Tuesday afternoon in the second-floor Statehouse rotunda. A proclamation is a formal step required for the governor to call a special session.

Brownback already has announced the special session to rewrite a state law that allows judges to sentence convicted murderers to serve at least 50 years in prison. A U.S. Supreme Court decision in June raised questions about the statute's constitutionality.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt asked for the special session, and he plans to attend the signing. Also planning to participate are legislators, Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Ernie Garcia and representatives of local law enforcement agencies.

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