

HOUSE BILL No. 2243

By Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

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10 AN ACT concerning certain joint water districts; relating to transfers of
11 assets, liabilities and territory; amending K.S.A. 80-1616 and repealing
12 the existing section.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 80-1616 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-
16 1616. (a) The governing body of the city of Lansing, Kansas, and the
17 governing body of Delaware township shall establish a joint water district.
18 The joint water district shall be governed by a board elected in the man-
19 ner provided by subsection (b). Such board shall be independent of the
20 township and city.

21 (b) Such district shall be governed by a five member board. The
22 members of the board shall be qualified electors of the joint district and
23 shall be elected on an at-large basis. Except as provided by subsection
24 (c), board members shall hold office for a term of four years and until
25 their successors are elected and qualified. An election to choose board
26 members shall be held on the first Tuesday in November, 1984, and every
27 two years thereafter. If a vacancy occurs on the joint water district board,
28 a successor shall be appointed by the remaining board members and shall
29 hold office until the next regular election. All elections shall be nonpar-
30 tisan and shall be called and conducted by the county election officer.
31 Laws applying to other local elections occurring at the same time and in
32 the same locality shall apply to the elections under this act to the extent
33 that the same can be made to apply. All members shall take an oath of
34 office as prescribed for other public officials.

35 (c) At the first election, the two members receiving the largest num-
36 ber of votes shall hold office for a term of four years. The three remaining
37 members shall serve for a term of two years. At all succeeding elections
38 all members shall be elected for terms of four years.

39 (d) All assets and liabilities of any existing township water district may
40 be transferred to the joint water district. *All assets and liabilities of any*
41 *rural water district or consolidated rural water district, or any portion*
42 *thereof, acquired by the city either through annexation and the provisions*
43 *of K.S.A. 12-527, and amendments thereto, or negotiation and the pro-*

1 *visions of K.S.A. 82a-649, and amendments thereto, may be transferred*
2 *to the joint water district. The joint water district also may accept terri-*
3 *tories released from any rural water district or consolidated rural water*
4 *district located outside of the boundaries of Delaware Township. Such*
5 *acceptance shall be made pursuant to the terms and procedures of K.S.A.*
6 *82a-622, 82a-623 and 82a-624, and amendments thereto. All covenants,*
7 *terms and conditions contained in the resolution authorizing the issuance*
8 *of water revenue bonds which are outstanding at the time the joint district*
9 *is established shall be maintained and complied with by the governing*
10 *body of the joint water district.*

11 (e) The joint water district board shall be responsible for the main-
12 tenance, operation, improvement and extension of the district's water
13 system. The joint water district board shall establish rates for the district's
14 customers.

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 80-1616 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.