

HOUSE BILL No. 2721

By Committee on Governmental Organization and Elections

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9 AN ACT concerning water districts; relating to the detachment of ter-
10 ritory therefrom.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) Words and phrases used in this section shall have the
14 meanings ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 82a-612, and amendments thereto.

15 (b) As a complete alternative to any other procedure provided by law
16 for the detachment of land from a water district, land may be detached
17 from a district as provided by this section. The owners of land located
18 within a water district may file a petition requesting that land be detached
19 from such district. Such petition shall be filed with the county clerk and
20 shall be signed by the owners of record of 70% or more of the land
21 proposed to be detached or by 70% or more of the owners of record of
22 the land proposed to be detached. The county clerk shall notify the board
23 of the water district named in the petition that a detachment petition has
24 been filed. Within 30 days of the date on which such a petition is filed,
25 the county clerk shall determine whether a petition is sufficient and shall
26 so notify the board of county commissioners of such determination. If a
27 sufficient petition is filed, the board of county commissioners shall enter
28 an order approving the petition for detachment. If an insufficient petition
29 is filed, the board of county commissioners shall enter an order rejecting
30 the petition for detachment. A copy of the order shall be sent to the water
31 district board named in the detachment petition. A copy of such order
32 also shall be sent to the chief engineer. An order approving the petition
33 for detachment shall be effective on January 1 of the succeeding year.
34 Thereupon, the board, by resolution, shall declare the new boundaries of
35 the district and shall certify a copy of such resolution to the county clerk.

36 (c) Any land detached from the district shall be liable for its propor-
37 tionate share of all outstanding indebtedness of the district on the date
38 the order approving the detachment is entered by the board of county
39 commissioners.

40 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
41 publication in the statute book.