

HOUSE BILL No. 2426

By Committee on Vision 2020

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9 AN ACT concerning agriculture; creating the agricultural land conser-
10 vation program.

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

13 Section 1. (a) On July 1, 2010, there is hereby imposed on the change
14 in classification of real property for purposes of ad valorem taxation from
15 agricultural use to a use other than agricultural use or use as a city, county
16 or state park an open space preservation fee in an amount equal to 0.015%
17 of the fair market value of such property, as determined by the county
18 appraiser pursuant to law, when such property is reclassified.

19 (b) The fee imposed by this section shall be determined jointly by
20 the county clerk and the county appraiser and the certified amount shall
21 be provided to the county treasurer for collection and remitted to the
22 state treasurer. Upon receipt of the remittance, the state treasurer shall
23 deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the agri-
24 cultural land conservation program fund.

25 (c) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the agricul-
26 tural land conservation program fund. Moneys in the fund shall be ex-
27 pended only for the administration, costs and the purchase of permanent
28 conservation easements on agricultural lands. Moneys may be used for
29 matching grants with federal agencies or private entities to conserve agri-
30 cultural lands, but may not be used to acquire fee title to land.

31 (2) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts
32 and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the agricultural
33 land conservation program fund interest earnings based on: (A) The av-
34 erage daily balance of moneys in the agricultural land conservation pro-
35 gram fund for the preceding month; and (B) the net earnings rate for the
36 pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

37 (3) All expenditures from the agricultural land conservation program
38 fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants
39 of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers ap-
40 proved by the chairperson of the state conservation commission, or a
41 person designated by the chairperson, for the purposes set forth in this
42 section.

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