

SENATE BILL No. 36

AN ACT concerning conservation districts; relating to the financing of operating conservation districts; increasing the cap on the amount of moneys disbursed by the division of conservation to conservation districts; providing an increased matching basis for state moneys disbursed to conservation districts based on amounts allocated by the board of county commissioners for such districts; amending K.S.A. 2-1907c and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2-1907c is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-1907c. On or before ~~September~~ *November* 1 of each *calendar* year, each conservation district shall submit to the division a certification of the amount of money to be furnished by the county commissioners for conservation district activities for the ensuing calendar year. Such amount shall be the same as authorized for such purposes in each approved county budget. For the purpose of providing state financial assistance to conservation districts *and subject to the matching requirements as provided further*, the division in the regular budget request, as a line item for the forthcoming fiscal year, shall submit a special request for an amount ~~equal to~~ *not less than* the sum of the allocations of each county to each conservation district, but in no event to exceed the sum of ~~\$25,000~~ *\$50,000* per district. ~~This \$25,000~~ *Such \$50,000* limitation shall be applicable for fiscal year ~~2008~~ *2026*, and thereafter, subject to appropriations therefor. The division, as soon as practicable after July 1 of the following year, shall disburse such moneys as may be appropriated by the state for this purpose to each conservation district *on a \$2 division moneys basis to a \$1 county moneys basis* to match the funds allocated by the commissioners of each county, *except that the total amount disbursed shall not exceed \$50,000 per district*. Distribution shall be prorated in proportion to county allocations in the event that appropriations are insufficient for complete matching of funds. Municipal accounting procedures shall be used in the distribution of and in the expenditure of all funds.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-1907c is hereby repealed.

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

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the
SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.