SENATE BILL No. 412

By Committee on Utilities

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AN ACT concerning counties; relating to the grant of an easement to a water district, conditions and purposes; amending K.S.A. 19-3521b and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 19-3521b is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-3521b. (a) The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to grant an easement to water district no. 1 of Johnson county, Kansas, on a tract of land owned by the state of Kansas along the south and north banks of the Kansas river described as follows: Commencing at the east half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 24 East, the east half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 24 East, and the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 24 East. Less that part of the above described tract lying northerly of the northerly high bank of the Kansas River and less that part of such tract lying southerly of the southerly high bank of the Kansas River.

- (b) Such easement shall be conditioned on water district no. 1 of Johnson county assuming full responsibility for the use of such easement and holding the state of Kansas harmless therefor. Such easement shall terminate if the land is no longer used for the purpose for which the easement was granted.
- (c) Water district no. 1 of Johnson county, Kansas, is hereby authorized to acquire the easement described in subsection (a) and to use such easement for the purpose purposes of locating, constructing, maintaining and operating: (1) Diversion works for the appropriation of water-and to; and (2) hydropower generation equipment and facilities for the production of electricity. Water district no. 1 of Johnson county, Kansas, shall assume full responsibility for such use and hold the state of Kansas harmless therefor.
- (d) Water district no. 1 of Johnson county, Kansas, shall assume full responsibility for any costs arising under this act.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-3521b is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.