

HOUSE BILL No. 2080

AN ACT concerning water districts; relating to vehicle registration; reinstatement of forfeited benefit units; amending K.S.A. 82a-621 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1,134 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1,134 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1,134. (a) Except as provided in subsection ~~(d)~~ (c): (1) Each motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer owned or leased by any city, county, township, *water district* or school district of this state or by any agency or instrumentality of any city, county or township and used exclusively for governmental, *water district* or school district purposes and not for any private purposes, which is not otherwise exempt from registration; or (2) each truck tractor, trailer or semitrailer leased by a community college or technical college and used exclusively for a truck driver training program, which is not otherwise exempt from registration, shall be registered for a fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue, except that such fee shall not exceed the actual cost of such registration. Such registration shall be permanent in nature and designed in such a manner as to remain with a vehicle for the duration of the life span of the vehicle, the duration of the lease or until the title is transferred to an owner who is not a city, county, township, *water district*, school district, community college or technical college.

(b) License plates issued for city, county, township, *water district*, school district, community college or technical college vehicles shall be distinctive and shall contain the words city, county, township, *water district*, school district, community college or technical college, as applicable and there shall be no year date thereon.

(c) Vehicles registered under this section which are used for utility purposes shall be issued license plates as prescribed by subsection (b), except that such license plates shall be issued for periods of five years, but shall be required to pay all license fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto, as though such vehicles were registered annually. The secretary of revenue shall design decals to be affixed to such license plates containing the word utility and the date the registration is to expire.

(d) The secretary of revenue shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 82a-621 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-621. (a) Plans, specifications, proposed operating budget, schedules of unit fees and benefit units, rules and regulations; *and* estimates of cost for any authorized proposed improvement shall be filed with the chief engineer and with the secretary of the district. The total benefits of any such improvement shall be divided into a suitable number of benefit units. Each landowner within the district shall subscribe to a number of such units in proportion to the extent ~~he or she~~ *such landowner* desires to participate in the benefits of the improvements.

(b) Upon determining a schedule of benefit units and unit fees, the board shall cause a declaration of availability of such units for subscription to be entered in ~~its~~ *the board's* minutes ~~and any individual who fails to become a participating member within thirty (30) days thereafter shall not be eligible to hold office as a director, nor shall~~. Any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation which fails to become a participating member within ~~ninety (90)~~ 90 days after such declaration *shall not* be qualified to *hold office as a director*, participate at any meeting or vote at any election held thereafter unless such individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation shall thereafter become a participating member.

(c) As long as the capacity of the district's facilities permits, participating members of the district may subscribe to additional units upon payment of a unit fee for each such unit. Owners of land located within the district who are not participating members may subscribe to such units as the board in its discretion may grant, and upon payment of the unit fee for each such unit shall be entitled to the same rights as original participating members. Proceeds realized from benefit units may be accumulated and used by the district for any lawful purpose, including but not limited to, construction, expansion; and improvement of ~~its~~ *the district's* water producing; and water transportation facilities.

(d) *The board of a district shall reinstate any benefit unit forfeited for nonpayment of fees and charges upon payment of:*

(1) *All fees and charges due to the district in addition to any fees and charges that would have accrued since the date of forfeiture; and*

(2) *a benefit unit reinstatement fee which shall not exceed 20% of the district's current new benefit unit fee.*

(e) If the capacity of the district's facilities permits, the district may sell water to persons engaged in hauling water and to any municipal, quasi-municipal or nonprofit corporation organized for any purpose consistent with that for which the district was organized.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 82a-621 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1,134 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. 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 HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.