

**SENATE BILL No. 549**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning water; relating to groundwater management districts;  
2 allowing withdrawal from a groundwater management district in  
3 certain circumstances.

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

6 Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of article 10 of  
7 chapter 82a of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,  
8 the holder of a water right dedicated to a beneficial use other than  
9 irrigation may elect to withdraw from a groundwater management district  
10 if the:

11 (A) Point of diversion is located within such district; and

12 (B) authorized place of use is located wholly or partially within such  
13 district.

14 (2) Such holder may elect to withdraw from the district by providing  
15 written notice to the board of directors prior to June 30. Upon proper  
16 notice, such withdrawal shall be effective the following January 1.

17 (b) Upon the effective date of withdrawal, the withdrawn water right  
18 holder shall not be subject to:

19 (1) Water user charges, annual land assessments, any special  
20 assessments or any other taxes or fees levied by the district;

21 (2) review by the board of directors of the district of any matters  
22 related to the withdrawn holder's water right or rights; and

23 (3) any rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer that are  
24 specific to the district.

25 (c) Withdrawal from a district pursuant to this section shall not  
26 exempt the withdrawn holder from compliance with all other statutes and  
27 rules and regulations.

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