

SENATE BILL No. 36

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning conservation districts; relating to the financing of
2 operating conservation districts; increasing the cap on the amount of
3 moneys disbursed by the division of conservation to conservation
4 districts; providing an increased matching basis for state moneys
5 disbursed to conservation districts based on amounts allocated by the
6 board of county commissioners for such districts; amending K.S.A. 2-
7 1907c and repealing the existing section.
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 2-1907c is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-
11 1907c. On or before ~~September~~ *November* 1 of each *calendar* year, each
12 conservation district shall submit to the division a certification of the
13 amount of money to be furnished by the county commissioners for
14 conservation district activities for the ensuing calendar year. Such amount
15 shall be the same as authorized for such purposes in each approved county
16 budget. For the purpose of providing state financial assistance to
17 conservation districts *and subject to the matching requirements as*
18 *provided further*, the division in the regular budget request, as a line item
19 for the forthcoming fiscal year, shall submit a special request for an
20 amount ~~equal to~~ *not less than* the sum of the allocations of each county to
21 each conservation district, but in no event to exceed the sum of ~~\$25,000~~
22 *\$50,000* per district. ~~This \$25,000~~ *Such \$50,000* limitation shall be
23 applicable for fiscal year ~~2008~~ *2026*, and thereafter, subject to
24 appropriations therefor. The division, as soon as practicable after July 1 of
25 the following year, shall disburse such moneys as may be appropriated by
26 the state for this purpose to each conservation district *on a \$2 division*
27 *moneys basis to a \$1 county moneys basis* to match the funds allocated by
28 the commissioners of each county, *except that the total amount disbursed*
29 *shall not exceed \$50,000 per district*. Distribution shall be prorated in
30 proportion to county allocations in the event that appropriations are
31 insufficient for complete matching of funds. Municipal accounting
32 procedures shall be used in the distribution of and in the expenditure of all
33 funds.

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

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