

2023 Kansas Statutes

24-475. Payment of judgment, cost and award; bonds; tax levy; reversion of land, when; damages. The drainage districts into or through which such navigable stream flows are hereby made liable for the value of any land so appropriated, together with all damages which may be occasioned thereby to the owner of the land so appropriated and the cost of said suit, and any judgment rendered in said action against the state of Kansas shall be a lien upon all the taxable property in such drainage district and the board of directors of such drainage district is hereby empowered and directed to pay said judgment, the cost and award, from the funds in their hands and under their control for such purpose, and in the event such funds are insufficient or for any reason may not be used for such purpose, the board of directors shall issue bonds or levy a tax for the payment thereof as provided by law; and in the event that the board of directors of such district shall fail or neglect to pay the full amount of the judgment, cost and award, as herein provided, the board of county commissioners of the county wherein such land is situated, is hereby empowered and directed to levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the limits of such drainage district and cause the same to be extended upon the tax rolls and collected as other taxes in a sum sufficient to pay such judgment, cost and award in full, and the same when so collected shall be so applied; and if for any reason there should be a failure to satisfy such judgment, the rights of the state to such tract or tracts of land shall be divested and the possession of such tract or tracts of land shall revert to the former adjudicated owners, in which event compensation shall be awarded for any loss or damage occasioned by such temporary appropriation, and the court shall render judgment therefor, which judgment shall be enforceable as in case of permanent appropriation: Provided, however, That in any such action it shall be competent for the state to dispute and contest the title of the claimant and to show that the land so appropriated constituted an obstruction or encroachment wrongfully placed in the channel or between the banks of said stream, or that for any other reason the claimant is not entitled to any compensation therefor and, if it shall be found that the land so appropriated constituted an obstruction wrongfully placed in said stream or that for any reason the claimant is not entitled to compensation or damage therefor, judgment shall be rendered accordingly.

History: L. 1911, ch. 172, § 6; January 30; R.S. 1923, 24-475.