

HOUSE BILL No. 2564

By Committee on Water and Environment

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1 AN ACT concerning water; relating to the division of water resources;
2 relating to irrigation systems, removal of end guns.

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

5 Section 1. (a) The chief engineer of the division of water resources of
6 the Kansas department of agriculture may promulgate rules and
7 regulations that authorize the chief engineer to order the removal of any
8 end gun on a center pivot irrigation system and to prohibit any future use
9 of any end gun in areas of the state that are: (1) Fully appropriated; (2)
10 closed to new appropriations; or (3) within the boundaries of a
11 groundwater management district.

12 (b) A groundwater management district may recommend pursuant to
13 K.S.A. 82a-1028(o), and amendments thereto, that the chief engineer
14 promulgate rules and regulations for the removal and prohibition of end
15 guns on center pivot irrigation systems in any or all areas of such
16 groundwater management district.

17 (c) Nothing in this section shall allow a reduction in the authorized
18 allocation of any vested right or perfected appropriation right or under any
19 permit to appropriate water.

20 (d) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Center pivot irrigation system" means a method of crop irrigation
22 in which equipment rotates around a pivot and crop irrigation is
23 accomplished by use of sprinklers, nozzles or any similar mechanism.

24 (2) "End gun" means any impact sprinkler, or any other method of
25 application, located at the far end of a center pivot irrigation system that
26 has a larger application area or rate of application than any other sprinkler
27 head or nozzle on the center pivot irrigation system.

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