SENATE BILL No. 329

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the division of water resources; qualifications for the position of chief engineer; amending K.S.A. 74-506d and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-506d is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-506d. (a) The secretary of agriculture is hereby authorized to employ a chief engineer of the division of water resources and such expert assistants, clerical and other help as may be necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this act, and to fix their compensation. The chief engineer shall be under the classified service of the Kansas civil service act, but any vacant position of such expert assistants, clerical and other help necessary to carry out the provisions of this act may be converted by the secretary of agriculture to an unclassified position.

(b) The position of chief engineer is administrative in nature and any person employed as the chief engineer shall not be required to have a degree, certification or license in engineering or a related field, if such person is otherwise qualified to be employed as the chief engineer as determined by the secretary.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-506d is hereby repealed.

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