AN ACT concerning the Kansas water appropriation act; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 82a-741 and repealing the existing section.

Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 82a-741 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-741. (a) The chief engineer may administer a water rights conservation program. An eligible water right in good standing may be enrolled in the program, subject to the approval of the chief engineer.

(b) A water right may be enrolled in the program for a period that shall not exceed 10 years. A water right enrolled in the program may be re-enrolled within two years of the expiration date of the previous enrollment period, subject to the approval of the chief engineer.

(c) Each application for enrollment in the program and each application for renewal of enrollment shall include a non-refundable fee not to exceed $300.

(d) All fees collected by the chief engineer pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer as provided in K.S.A. 82a-731, and amendments thereto.

(e) The chief engineer shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate and administer the provisions of this section.

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas water appropriation act.

(g) All rules and regulations adopted on and after January 1, 2014, and prior to July 1, 2014, pertaining to water conservation districts shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and regulations of the secretary of agriculture until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 82a-741 is hereby repealed.

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