

SENATE BILL No. 322

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning water; relating to applications to appropriate;
2 amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 82a-708a and repealing the existing
3 section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 82a-708a is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 82a-708a. (a) Any person may apply for a permit to appropriate
8 water to a beneficial use, notwithstanding that the application pertains to
9 the use of water by another, or upon or in connection with the lands of
10 another. Any rights to the beneficial use of water perfected under such
11 application shall attach to the lands on or in connection with which the
12 water is used and shall remain subject to the control of the owners of the
13 lands as in other cases provided by law.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) ~~and~~, (f) *and*
15 (g), each application for a permit to appropriate water, except applications
16 for permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an application fee
17 fixed by this section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance
18 with the following:

19 Acre Feet	Fee
20 0 to 100.....	\$200
21 101 to 320.....	\$300
22 More than 320.....	\$300 + \$20
23	for each additional 100
24	acre feet or any part thereof

25 On and after July 1, 2018, the application fee shall be fixed by this
26 section for the appropriate category of acre feet in accordance with the
27 following:

28 Acre Feet	Fee
29 0 to 100.....	\$100
30 101 to 320.....	\$150
31 More than 320.....	\$150 + \$10
32	for each additional 100
33	acre feet or any part thereof

34 The chief engineer shall render a decision on such permit applications
35 within 150 days of receiving a complete application except when the
36 application cannot be processed due to the standards established in K.A.R.

1 5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of receipt of a
2 complete application, the application fee is subject to refund upon request.

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) ~~and~~, (f) *and*
4 (g), each application for a permit to appropriate water for storage, except
5 applications for permits for domestic use, shall be accompanied by an
6 application fee fixed by this section for the appropriate category of
7 storage-acre feet in accordance with the following:

8 Storage-Acre Feet	Fee
9 0 to 250.....	\$200
10 More than 250.....	\$200 + \$20
11	for each additional 250
12	storage-acre feet or any part thereof

13 On and after July 1, 2018, the application fee shall be fixed by this
14 section for the appropriate category of storage-acre feet in accordance with
15 the following:

16 Storage-Acre Feet	Fee
17 0 to 250.....	\$100
18 More than 250.....	\$100 + \$10
19	for each additional 250
20	storage-acre feet or any part thereof

21 The chief engineer shall render a decision on such permit applications
22 within 150 days of receiving a complete application except when the
23 application cannot be processed due to the standards established in K.A.R.
24 5-3-4c. Upon failure to render a decision within 180 days of receipt of a
25 complete application, the application fee is subject to refund upon request.

26 (d) Each application for a term permit pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp.
27 82a-736, and amendments thereto, shall be accompanied by an application
28 fee established by rules and regulations of the chief engineer in an amount
29 not to exceed \$400 for the five-year period covered by the permit.

30 (e) For any application for a permit to appropriate water, except
31 applications for permits for domestic use, which proposes to appropriate
32 by both direct flow and storage, the fee charged shall be the fee under
33 subsection (b) or subsection (c), whichever is larger, but not both fees.

34 (f) Each application for a permit to appropriate water for water power
35 or dewatering purposes shall be accompanied by an application fee of
36 \$100 plus \$200 for each 100 cubic feet per second, or part thereof, of the
37 diversion rate requested in the application for the proposed project.

38 (g) *Each application for a permit to appropriate surface water that*
39 *otherwise leaves the state, and is for a water transfer project proposed for*
40 *multiple uses, shall be accompanied by an application fee of \$100 plus*
41 *\$200 for each 100 cubic feet per second, or part thereof, of the diversion*
42 *rate requested in the application for the proposed project. An additional*
43 *fee may be assessed by the chief engineer if additional expenses are*

1 *incurred in reviewing an application until such application is approved or*
2 *denied. The maximum total fee for such application shall not exceed the*
3 *fee provided in subsection (e). There shall be no deadline for the chief*
4 *engineer to render a final decision on such application.*

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

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 82a-708a is hereby repealed.

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