AN ACT concerning water; relating to rural water districts; amending K.S.A. 82a-617 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 82a-617 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-617. (a) Immediately following the granting of incorporation by the board of county commissioners, and at the time and place set out in the notice of hearing, the owners of land within any such district shall select from their number a board of directors. The number of members on said the board, not to exceed nine (9), shall be determined by majority vote of those owners of land present.

Provided. Any original director who shall fail fails to subscribe to one (1) or more benefit units and pay the established unit fee for each unit to which he or she such director subscribes within thirty (30) 30 days after entry in the minutes of the board of a declaration of availability of such benefit units for subscription, shall forfeit his or her the director's office.

(b) Within seven (7) days after the election of the original board, proposed bylaws shall be submitted for adoption at a meeting of owners of land located within the district, notice of which shall be given to each such landowner as provided in K.S.A. 82a-615, and amendments thereto. Those owners of land located within the district present at such special meeting may adopt and amend any of such proposed bylaws and may propose and adopt additional or other bylaws. Such bylaws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the participating members of the district.

(c) A rural water district shall, so long as the capacity of the system permits, reinstate any benefit unit forfeited for non-payment of fees and charges due to the district upon payment of the lesser of all such unpaid fees and charges, plus any fees and charges that would have accrued since the date of the forfeiture, or a new benefit unit fee.

(d) Any seller or representative of a seller must provide information to a prospective purchaser of property, prior to closing, regarding unpaid fees and charges associated with rural water districts for which such buyer will be responsible.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 82a-617 is hereby repealed.

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