

## SENATE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_

By Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT concerning water; relating to the beneficial use of water.

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

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "conservation use" means the maintenance of a water right for future use.

(b) Conservation use shall be a distinct beneficial use of water. Diversion under a conservation use water right shall be prohibited.

(c) A vested or certified water right which has not been deemed abandoned pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-718, and amendments thereto, may be changed to a conservation use pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b, and amendments thereto, and any rules and regulations as promulgated by the chief engineer.

(d) A conservation use water right may be changed pursuant to K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 82a-708b, and amendments thereto, and any rules and regulations promulgated by the chief engineer.

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