

SENATE BILL No. 117

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to noxious weeds; declaration by
2 county commissioners; amending K.S.A. 2-1314b and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2-1314b is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-
7 1314b. (a) The board of county commissioners of any county may declare
8 the multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) ~~or~~, the bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*);
9 ~~or both, the wild blackberry (*Rubus genera*)~~ to be a noxious weed within
10 the boundaries of such county. In such event, all of the provisions of article
11 13 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated ~~which, and amendments~~
12 *thereto, that* pertain to the control and eradication of noxious weeds shall
13 apply to the control and eradication of the multiflora rose ~~or~~, the bull
14 thistle; ~~or both, the wild blackberry~~ within any such county.

15 (b) If the board of county commissioners of any county does not
16 declare the multiflora rose ~~or~~, the bull thistle; ~~or both, the wild blackberry~~
17 to be a noxious weed within the boundaries of such county, a petition
18 requesting the secretary of agriculture to declare the multiflora rose ~~or~~, the
19 bull thistle; ~~or both, the wild blackberry~~ to be a noxious weed within the
20 boundaries of such county, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified
21 electors of the county, may be filed with the county election officer of the
22 county. Upon receipt of any such petition, the county election officer shall
23 certify the sufficiency of the petition and submit it to the secretary of
24 agriculture. Thereupon, the secretary of agriculture may declare the
25 multiflora rose ~~or~~, the bull thistle; ~~or both, the wild blackberry~~ to be a
26 noxious weed within the boundaries of such county. In such event, all of
27 the provisions of article 13 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated
28 ~~which, and amendments thereto, that~~ pertain to the control and eradication
29 of noxious weeds shall apply to the control and eradication of the
30 multiflora rose ~~or~~, the bull thistle; ~~or both, the wild blackberry~~ within any
31 such county.

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-1314b is hereby repealed.

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