**HOUSE BILL No. 2710** 

By Committee on Environment

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AN ACT concerning groundwater management districts; relating to certain standards, policies and orders; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 82a-1903 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 82a-1903 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-1903. (a) (1) On or before November 15, 1999, the chief engineer of the division of water resources of the department of agriculture, in accordance with K.S.A. 77-420 and amendments thereto, shall submit to the secretary of administration and the attorney general proposed rules and regulations containing all current standards, statements of policy and general orders that: (A) Have been issued or adopted by the chief engineer; (B) are of general application and have the effect of law; and (C) are not contained in current rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer.

- (2) If any standard, statement of policy or general order described in subsection (a) (1) is not submitted as required by subsection (a), such standard, statement of policy or general order shall be void and of no effect after November 15, 1999, until adopted by rules and regulations.
- (b) (1) On or before March 1, 2000, each groundwater management district shall submit to the chief engineer of the division of water resources of the department of agriculture recommended rules and regulations containing all current standards, statements of policy and general orders that: (A) Have been issued or adopted by such district; (B) are of general application within the district and have the effect of law; and (C) are not contained in current rules and regulations adopted by the chief engineer.
- (2) If any standard, statement of policy or general order described in subsection (b)(1) is not submitted as required by that subsection, such standard, statement of policy or general order shall be void and of no effect after March 1, 2000, until adopted by rules and regulations. If any such standard is so submitted and is not adopted by rule and regulation, such standard, statement of policy or general order shall be void and of no effect.
  - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 82a-1903 is hereby repealed.

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