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82a-2406. Same; **investigation by water office**; **report of findings.** (a) If the secretary of state finds the petition, as required by K.S.A. 82a-2403, and amendments thereto, to be sufficient as to form and the number and qualifications of the petitioners, the secretary of state shall prepare a certified copy of the petition and transmit the same to the director of the Kansas water office within five days from the date of such finding. Upon receipt of such certified copy, the director of the Kansas water office shall institute an investigation of the proposed district, its water usage and purposes. Within 90 days after receipt of the copy, the director of the Kansas water office shall transmit a written report of the findings on the petition and the director's written approval or disapproval of the petition to the secretary of state and the acting chairperson of the steering committee named in the petition.

(b) The director of the Kansas water office shall approve such petition if the director finds that construction of works of improvement on the reservoir for which the district is proposed would benefit the sustainability, conservation and maintenance of such reservoir. If the director of the Kansas water office approves such petition, the director shall transmit a certified copy of the report containing all findings to the secretary of state and to the chairperson of the steering committee named in the petition.

History: L. 2012, ch. 97, § 6; July 1.