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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 606**

Introduced by Groene, 42.

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources districts; to provide for
- 2 water augmentation projects and retention of water rights as
- 3 prescribed; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) Each natural resources district has the power and  
2 authority to develop water augmentation projects for streamflow  
3 enhancement as described in subdivision (3)(e) of section 46-715 and may  
4 acquire real property for such augmentation projects.

5           (2) The governing natural resources district shall allocate the  
6 amount of ground water that may be withdrawn for a water augmentation  
7 project for streamflow enhancement pursuant to section 46-739.

8           (3) After a water augmentation project for streamflow enhancement  
9 has been developed, the owner or owners of such project may sell any real  
10 property purchased for the project and continue to pump for beneficial  
11 use, as before, the necessary ground water for augmentation purposes  
12 without regard to land area or acres owned.

13           Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act  
14 within Chapter 2, article 32.