

27-117. Lands acquired for flood control; distribution of lease moneys. (a) All moneys paid to the state of Kansas by the United States representing the state's share of moneys received by the United States from the leasing of lands acquired by the United States for flood control purposes, and as provided by section 7, chapter 377, of the acts of congress of 1941 (33 U.S.C. § 701c), and similar acts, shall be paid by the state treasurer to the treasurer of each county in which such leased lands are located to be used for the benefit of public schools, public roads and to defray a part of the expenses of county government as herein provided. The county treasurer shall divide such moneys among the school districts and townships having lands located within the federal flood control projects and the county on the basis of 60% thereof to the school districts, 30% to the county and 10% to the townships. The county's share shall be credited to the county general fund and shall be used to defray a part of the expenses of county government properly payable from such fund. Except as provided by subsection (b), the township's share shall be payable to the townships in proportion to the land area of each located within the project, and shall be used for road purposes. In counties operating under the county unit system, all money for road purposes shall be paid to the county road fund. The school district's share shall be payable to the school districts in proportion to the land area of each such district located within the project, and shall be used for school purposes. It shall be the duty of the county clerk of each county immediately upon the taking effect of this act and from time to time thereafter as new lands of the county are made a part of any federal flood control project and leased by the United States to certify to the director of accounts and reports the total leased acreage of such lands in the county.

(b) In any township in which there are no roads maintained by such township in the area located within the flood control project area, the township board, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board, may transfer a portion of its share of money received pursuant to subsection (a) to the governing body of any drainage district or districts located within the flood control project area in such township. The amount of money transferred to drainage districts shall be payable to the drainage districts in an amount equal to the proportion of land area of each drainage district within the project area, and shall be used for drainage district purposes.

(c) The state treasurer promptly shall pay out such funds held by the treasurer as herein provided, and such funds hereafter received by the state shall be paid over to the counties within 60 days after the same are received. The director of accounts and reports is authorized and directed to draw warrants upon the state treasurer and against such funds upon vouchers duly itemized and verified by the director of accounts and reports, and all such funds are hereby appropriated and made available for the purposes stated in this section.

History: L. 1945, ch. 174, § 1; L. 1957, ch. 237, § 1; L. 1994, ch. 80, § 1; July 1.