

**55-143. Conservation fee fund; authorized expenditures; accounting procedures; reduction of fees and assessments, when. (a)**

There is hereby created in the state treasury the conservation fee fund. All deposits credited to the conservation fee fund shall be for the use of the state corporation commission in administering the provisions of K.S.A. 55-172 through 55-184, 55-601 through 55-613, 55-701 through 55-713, 55-901 and 55-1201 through 55-1205, and amendments thereto. All expenditures from the conservation fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the state corporation commission or by a person or persons designated by the chairperson. The corporation commission, with the approval of the director of accounts and reports, shall formulate a system of accounting procedures to account for the money credited to the conservation fee fund pursuant to this section.

(b) Whenever the state corporation commission determines that the unencumbered balance of moneys credited to the conservation fee fund at the end of a fiscal year is more than necessary, when considered in relation to the amount of revenues and expenditures estimated for the ensuing fiscal year and an appropriate unencumbered balance in the fund at the end of the ensuing fiscal year, the commission shall proportionally reduce all fees and assessments which are charged, taxed or assessed by the commission as authorized or required by law, other than fees or assessments in amounts prescribed by statute or any penalties authorized by statute, and which are collected and deposited to the credit of the conservation fee fund, in order to reduce such unencumbered ending balance in the fund to an appropriate amount.

**History:** L. 1978, ch. 211, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 228, § 21; L. 1986, ch. 202, § 2; L. 1986, ch. 201, § 37; L. 1995, ch. 204, § 9; July 1.