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## **2019 Legislative Recap**

- 1) Major Transitions lead to a slow session
- 2) School Finance takes center stage
- 3) Federal Tax changes complicate state budget issues
- 4) FY 2020 Budget
- 5) Focus on Rural Development

## **2019-2020 Legislative Session – Water Issues:**

- HB 2085: Rural Water Districts; forfeited benefit units
  - o Allows reinstatement of forfeited unit as long as the district has capacity
  - o Current law as of 7/1/2019
    - As enacted also includes a portion of SB 171 (re: revolving loan program)
- SB 169: KDHE – Water Program Management Fee Fund – water supply & wastewater facilities
  - o in Senate Utilities
- SB 171: Public Water Supply System; loan programs
  - o Change the definition of “project” and extend term of repayment from 20 to 40 years
  - o In Senate Utilities; loan repayment term added to HB 2085 by Senate Ag & Natural Resources committee
- SB 201: Property tax exemption; land donated for dams and reservoirs and subject to a conservation easement for compensatory mitigation
  - o Provides a 20 year property tax exemption for land donated to a conservation easement for a dam/reservoir subject to certain conditions for compensatory mitigation
  - o In Senate Assessment & Taxation
- HR 6018: Requesting Federal Government to address water issues in the Ark Basin
  - o Passed by the Kansas House; memorial resolution adopted by the Kansas Senate