

24-650. Same; notice of disorganization; filing of claims. Within sixty days after adopting the resolution to disorganize and dissolve the district, the board of trustees shall publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the drainage district, for three consecutive issues if a weekly paper, and for five consecutive issues if a daily paper, a notice to all creditors and claimants of or against the drainage district (naming it) setting forth a copy of the resolution to disorganize and dissolve the drainage district and further notifying all such creditors and claimants, without naming them or specifying the amount or nature of their claim, that each claimant having any claim of any kind or nature existing against the drainage district at the time and previous to the date (specifying it) of the adoption of the resolution to disorganize the district, or accruing upon contracts made previous thereto, shall file a verified, itemized statement of such claim as they may have against the drainage district, setting forth the amount and nature thereof, with the secretary to the board of trustees and shall also file a copy, for record, with the clerk of the district court (naming it) wherein the resolution to disorganize the district was filed, within a time to be specified in such notice but not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of such notice. No such claim of any character shall be allowed unless filed within one year after the date of such first newspaper publication, which date shall be specified in such notice.

Within ten days after the date of first publication of such notice, the secretary to the board of trustees shall mail a copy of such notice to the last known address of each claimant who appears as such upon the records of the drainage district. The validity of each claim and the right of each claimant to be paid shall be determined in accordance with the law under which the drainage district was organized and exclusive of and unaided by this act so that the rights of all claimants, and all property owners shall remain unchanged and the limitation, if any, upon the power of the drainage district to incur indebtedness shall be observed. Within this limitation the board of trustees may compromise any claim and agree upon the amount that may be due. If the board of trustees shall deem it advisable, they may file an action in a court of general jurisdiction and make one or more or all of the known claimants parties defendants and procure an interpretation and construction of K.S.A. 24-601 to 24-640, determining the power of such drainage district to incur indebtedness, the limitation thereon, if any, and the rights of claimants and the power to levy and the method of levying taxes or assessments to pay the indebtedness of the district.

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