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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Soil Conservation Districts Commission was created by SB 80 in 1943 to control soil erosion in Missouri. Harrison County created the first soil conservation district in 1944. Water conservation was added to the commission's responsibilities in 1964 by SB 113 and the commission's name was changed to the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Commission.

The Commission oversees Missouri's 114 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. These districts work with Missouri farmers to implement soil and water conservation practices such as reducing soil erosion and protecting ground water. Funding for these programs comes from a one-tenth-of-one-percent sales tax.

According to RSMO 278.080, the Soil and Water Districts Commission is comprised of six farmers and four ex-officio members. The farmers must be appointed by the governor. Three farmer members must live north of the Missouri River, and three south. Ex-officio members are the directors of the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Department of Conservation and the dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Material

The Soil and Water Conservation Program has more information online:
<https://dnr.mo.gov/env/swcp/index.html>

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