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**Rules of**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Division 70—Soil and Water Districts Commission**  
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*of supervisors of a soil and water conservation subdistrict, or a member of the trustees to the governing body of a subdistrict as the contracting officer for a soil and water conservation subdistrict is against public policy and void.*

**10 CSR 70-1.010 Organization**

*PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to comply with the requirements of section 536.023, RSMo (1986) which requires each agency to adopt as a rule a description of its operation and the methods where the public may obtain information or make submissions or requests.*

(1) The Soil and Water Districts Commission is a state agency created by section 278.080, RSMo (1986) for the administration of the soil and water conservation districts provided for in sections 278.060—278.300, RSMo (1986). The commission is comprised of five (5) persons and operates with an assigned staff as an agency within the Department of Natural Resources. Its primary responsibility is the determination of policies and procedures to be used by soil and water conservation districts. In addition, the Soil and Water Districts Commission has the authority and responsibility to—

(A) Encourage the formation of soil and water conservation districts;

(B) Formulate and fix rules and procedures for the establishment or disestablishment of soil and water conservation districts and subdistricts and the selection of soil and water conservation districts' supervisors;

(C) Receive petitions, hold hearings and conduct referenda on the establishment of soil and water conservation districts;

(D) Advise soil and water conservation districts in developing programs for saving soil and water;

(E) Obtain technical, financial or material assistance for soil and water conservation districts; and

(F) Provide any assistance it may judge as useful to any soil and water conservation district in the saving of soil and water.

(2) Requests for services or information may be directed to locally organized soil and water conservation districts or to the commission office, P.O. Box 1368, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

*Auth: section 278.080, RSMo (1986).  
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*Op. Atty. Gen. No. 465, Norbury,  
12-29-66. The appointment of a member  
of the State Soil and Water Districts  
Commission, or a member of the board*