

## **Summary of Legal Authority**

During the early planning stages of the Kansas Regional Haze SIP, it was recognized that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) required enabling legislation necessary to implement the various components of the federal Regional Haze Rule. KDHE recommended to the legislature that the Secretary's authority be expanded to implement a Regional Haze program. In April of 2006, the legislature approved Senate Bill 386, an act amending K.S.A. 65-3005.

K.S.A. 65-3005 gives the Secretary of Health and Environment the power to:

Prepare and adopt a regional haze plan as may be necessary to prevent, abate and control air pollution originating in Kansas that affects air quality in Kansas or in other states or both.

In addition, the Secretary also has the legal authority and jurisdiction to:

Enter into contracts and agreements with other state agencies or subdivisions, local governments, other states, interstate agencies, the federal government or its agencies or private entities as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Kansas air quality act [K.S.A. 65-3005(p)].

## **Public Participation Process**

*To be added*

## **Public Comments and Responses on SIP DRAFT**

*To be added*