

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)  
3RD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED  
SENATE BILL NO. 54

By: Hooper of the Senate

and

Maddox (Jim) and Kirby of  
the House

3RD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to waters and water rights; stating  
purpose of certain statutes; providing for codification;  
and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 105.1A of Title 82, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the purpose  
of Section 105.1 through Section 105.32 of this title is to  
provide for stability and certainty in water rights by replacing  
the incompatible dual systems of riparian and appropriative water  
rights which governed the use of water from definite streams in  
Oklahoma prior to June 10, 1963, with an appropriation system of  
regulation requiring the beneficial use of water and providing  
that priority in time shall give the better right. These sections  
are intended to provide that riparian landowners may use water for  
domestic uses and store water in definite streams and that  
appropriations shall not interfere with such domestic uses, to  
recognize through administrative adjudications all uses, riparian  
and appropriative, existing prior to June 10, 1963, and to  
extinguish future claims to use water, except for domestic use,  
based only on ownership of riparian lands.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the  
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency

is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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