

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1233

By: Leist and Thomas of the
House

and

Easley of the Senate

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(Environment and natural resources - amending Sections
1 and 5, Chapter 398, O.S.L. 1992 - state
environmental agencies - effective date -

emergency)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 398, O.S.L.
1992 (27A O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 1), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 1. ~~Sections 1 through 12 of this act~~ Article I of
this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Environmental Quality Act".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 398, O.S.L.
1992 (27A O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 5), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 5. A. ~~Until December 31, 1992, in addition to powers
and duties specified by law, the Pollution Control Coordinating
Board shall recommend by December 1, 1992,~~ Each agency shall
utilize a standardized complaint investigation and response
process that will ensure all state environmental agencies with
authority to investigate, mitigate and resolve complaints, respond
to complaints in a timely manner by initiating appropriate action
and inform the complainant regarding potential actions that may
occur. Complainants shall also be notified, in writing, of the
resolution of the complaint. Rules to implement such system shall

be developed by each state environmental agency as provided in Section 11 of this ~~act~~ title.

~~B. 1. Through December 31, 1992, the Pollution Control Coordinating Board and the Department of Pollution Control shall continue to be responsible for implementation of the Pollution Control Coordinating Act of 1968. Effective January 1, 1993, the Pollution Control Coordinating Board and the Department of Pollution Control shall be abolished.~~

~~2.~~ Effective January 1, 1993, all unexpended funds, property, records, personnel not to exceed four (4) full-time-equivalent employees (FTE) and any outstanding financial obligations or encumbrances of the Pollution Control Coordinating Board and the Department of Pollution Control related to the acceptance of loans, funds and grants from private and governmental sources by the Board and Department are hereby transferred to the Secretary of the Environment.

~~3.~~ 2. Effective January 1, 1993, all unexpended funds, property, records, remaining personnel and any outstanding financial obligations or encumbrances of the Pollution Control Coordinating Board and the Department of Pollution Control related to jurisdictional areas of the Board and Department other than the acceptance of loans, funds and grants from private and governmental sources are hereby transferred to the Department of Environmental Quality.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. 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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