

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1999

By: Cotner, Beutler and  
Widener of the House

and

Kerr of the Senate

An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending 82 O.S. 1991, Section 1432, which relates to the Red River Compact; providing for appointment of a designee; authorizing the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to appoint certain persons as designees for certain compacts and commissions; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 1991, Section 1432, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1432. Pursuant to Article IX of the Red River Compact there shall be two Commissioners from Oklahoma to serve on the Red River Compact Commission. One Commissioner shall be the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, or such other agency as may be hereafter responsible for administering water law in the state. The other Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at ~~his~~ the pleasure of the Governor. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall provide such staffing and services as may be required by the Commission. The Board may provide in its budget for any such administrative expenses.

In the event of the Executive Director's temporary absence, the Executive Director may delegate the exercise of such powers and duties to a designee during the Executive Director's absence. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Executive Director, the Board may designate an interim or acting Commissioner and designee who is authorized to exercise such powers and duties until a permanent Executive Director is employed.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1085.12a of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For intrastate or interstate compacts or commissions on which the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board is a member or otherwise is required to perform specified services, the Executive Director, in the event of the Executive Director's temporary absence, may delegate the exercise of such powers and duties to a designee during the Executive Director's absence. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Executive Director, the Board may designate an interim or acting Commissioner and designee who is authorized to exercise such powers and duties until a permanent Executive Director is employed.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 1994.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 6th day of April, 1994.

President of the Senate