

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1798

By: Hamilton, Steidley and
Erwin of the House

and

Haney, Hobson and Bell
of the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; making appropriations to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; stating purpose; stating certain restrictions on use of funds; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for transfer to the Statewide Water Development Revolving Fund from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the sum of Five Hundred Eight Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$508,030.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the United States Government for the water supply storage amount invoiced by the United States Army Corps of Engineers on December 6, 1995, provided these funds will be sent to the Corps only with the written understanding that:

1. The Tulsa District Engineer withdraw his declaration of default and declaration that the rights to use of storage are suspended;

2. Local water supply systems be given access to storage easements and licenses as necessary, through the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;

3. Any litigation by the United States concerning the Sardis water supply contract will be deferred until after May 30, 1997;

4. Any obligations in the contract are understood not to be obligations for which the full faith and credit of the State of Oklahoma is pledged and that nothing in the contract obligates the Oklahoma Legislature to make any appropriations of funds; and

5. The state, by making this appropriation and payment, does not waive any of its rights or defenses.

Funds appropriated in this section are exempt from the annual budgetary limitations of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 30th day of May, 1996.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 30th day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate