

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1310

By: Turner and Covey of the
House

and

Shurden of the Senate

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; authorizing political subdivisions to enter into certain compliance schedules to prioritize compliance for environmental and certain other needs; providing for excessive debt indicia; prohibiting certain penalties; 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 2-3-507 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Political subdivisions may, when compliance with environmental standards would create excessive debt, enter into compliance schedules with the Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize compliance based on their greatest environmental or other public health and safety needs. Excessive debt is indicated when the work needed for compliance would require a capital cost or user charge significantly beyond the per-household cost for similar sized communities within the state. Penalties shall not be assessed if a political subdivision complies with the schedule authorized by the Department.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February,
1997.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of April, 1997.

President of the Senate