

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2317

By: Leist

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; amending Section 4, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1993 (27A O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1-1-202), which relates to state environmental agencies; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1993 (27A O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1-1-202), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-1-202. Each state environmental agency shall:

1. Be responsible for fully implementing and enforcing the laws and rules within its jurisdictional areas of responsibility;
2. Utilize and enforce the Oklahoma Water Quality Standards established by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;
3. Seek to strengthen relationships between state, regional, local and federal environmental planning, development and management programs;
4. Specifically facilitate cooperation across jurisdictional lines of authority with other state environmental agencies to resolve environmental problems;

5. Cooperate with all state environmental agencies, other state agencies and local or federal governmental entities to protect, foster, and promote the general welfare, and the environment and natural resources of this state;

6. Have the authority to engage in environmental and natural resource information dissemination and education activities within their respective areas of environmental jurisdiction; and

7. Participate in every hearing conducted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for the consideration, adoption or amendment of the classification of waters of the state and standards of purity and quality thereof, ~~and~~. Each state environmental agency shall have the opportunity to present written comment to the members of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at the same time staff recommendations are submitted to those members for Board review and consideration.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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