

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1077

By: Boyd (Laura) of the House

and

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AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution creating the Oklahoma Animal Waste Management and Water Quality Protection Committee; providing for duties; providing for appointment, vacancies and qualifications; providing for terms and officers; authorizing reimbursement; requiring certain meetings; providing for certain authority; providing for certain submission acceptance; providing for modification; providing for multistate animal waste management and water quality protection compact; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, almost overnight, Oklahoma acquired a multibillion-dollar industry that, between 1996 and 1997, led the nation in its rate of growth. In 1997, Oklahoma became the 8th leading hog-producing state in the United States, up from 26th in 1992. In just five years, production of swine increased from 200,000 to 1,640,000 - an increase of 675%; and

WHEREAS, in the poultry industry, broiler production increased in Oklahoma from 61.7 million to 204 million. This 29% increase over the past five years has made Oklahoma the 12th leading poultry-producing state in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the recent trends in the structure of the livestock industry toward regional concentration and large-scale livestock production have focused attention on the potential for serious natural resource degradation and public health risks; and

WHEREAS, many states surrounding Oklahoma and other states across this nation face the same concerns with regard to the rapid increase in production of the swine and poultry industries in their respective states and the potential for degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, in that natural resource degradation and associated public health risks from water pollution know no boundaries, concerns have arisen with regard to cross-water contamination between contiguous states; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and cooperation are key elements to resolving challenges which face Oklahoma and other states in the preservation and protection of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, strategic, regional planning and multistate planning are critical approaches to formulating strong, goal-oriented policy for the protection and preservation of our natural resources as we move forward into the 21st century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. A. The Department of Agriculture shall create an Oklahoma Animal Waste Management and Water Quality Protection Committee which shall serve as an advisory committee to the Department of Agriculture. The Committee shall:

1. Assist similarly designed committees or commissions in at least three of the states contiguous to or surrounding Oklahoma in the formulation and development of a multistate animal waste management and water quality protection compact to effect uniformity in the protection and preservation of the states' natural resources;
2. Submit any such compact to the Legislature of this state for ratification and to Congress for consent; and

3. Perform such other duties and responsibilities necessary to organize and prepare for the development and implementation of a compact pursuant to this section.

B. 1. The Oklahoma Animal Waste Management and Water Quality Protection Committee shall consist of the following persons:

- a. the Governor shall appoint three members as follows:
 - (1) a representative of the Oklahoma cattle industry,
 - (2) a representative of the Conservation Commission,
and
 - (3) a representative from the Department of
Environmental Quality,
- b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members as follows:
 - (1) a representative of the Oklahoma pork industry,
 - (2) a representative from a nonprofit statewide
environmental association, and
 - (3) a representative from the Oklahoma Water
Resources Board, and
- c. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members as follows:
 - (1) a representative from the State Board of
Agriculture,
 - (2) a member from the public at large, and
 - (3) a member from the Oklahoma poultry industry.

2. The members shall be residents and voters of the State of Oklahoma.

C. The initial appointments for each gubernatorial and legislative member shall be for progressive terms of one (1) through three (3) years so that only one term expires each calendar year. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms.

D. All appointees to the Committee shall be selected for outstanding knowledge and leadership in their fields.

E. No appointed member may serve more than three consecutive full terms of office on the Committee.

F. Any vacancy in the membership of the Committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

G. The chairman of the Committee shall be elected annually from among the Committee members.

H. The Committee shall meet at least six times annually.

I. Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act for performance of their duties as members of the Oklahoma Animal Waste Management and Water Quality Protection Committee.

J. The Oklahoma Animal Waste Management and Water Quality Protection Committee shall have the authority to adopt organizational and operating policies to govern its operations. All organizational and operating policies of the Committee shall be adopted through procedures utilized by and pursuant to the supervision of the Department of Agriculture.

K. 1. During formulation and development of the compact, the State Board of Agriculture and other state environmental agencies may provide recommendations and suggestions for the compact through the Committee.

2. Upon acceptance of the compact by other similarly designed committees or other commissions in at least three of the states contiguous to or surrounding Oklahoma, the Board shall have no authority to modify or otherwise alter the compact.

3. When the compact has been formulated and developed, the Committee shall submit the proposed compact to the Legislature for ratification.

L. The compact shall:

1. Provide a framework for comprehensive and cooperative planning among member states to provide for the preservation and

protection of the states' natural resources from identifiable point and nonpoint sources of water pollution, and particularly the animal feeding industry;

2. Provide for uniform interstate management of animal waste and other sources of point and nonpoint pollution; and

3. Provide for such other cooperative and collaborative efforts and activities that will mutually benefit the member states by the preservation and protection of their natural resources.

SECTION 2. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the Governor of this state, the Governors of all states contiguous to and surrounding Oklahoma, the State Board of Agriculture, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and the Department of Environmental Quality.

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