

SHORT TITLE: Public health and safety; civil defense; coordination
of agency resources. Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 1138

By: Helton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 683.2, which relates to civil defense; providing for coordination of state agency resources; and providing for an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 683.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 683.2 A. Because of the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, or other causes, and in order to insure that preparations of this state will adequately deal with such disasters and emergencies, and generally provide for the common defense and to protect the public peace, health, and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of this state, to carry out the objectives of state and national survival and recovery in the event of enemy attack, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

1. To create a State Civil Defense Agency, and to authorize the creation of local organizations for civil defense in the political subdivisions of the state;

2. To provide for the formulation and execution of a plan of emergency resources management;

3. To confer upon the Governor and upon the executive heads or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state the emergency powers provided herein;

4. To provide for the rendering of mutual aid among the political subdivisions of the state and with other states to cooperate with the federal government with respect to carrying out civil defense and emergency resources management functions; ~~and~~

5. To provide sufficient organization to meet emergencies in the general interest and welfare of the public and the state; and

6. To develop a plan to coordinate the resources of Oklahoma state agencies.

B. It is further declared to be the purpose of this act and the policy of this state that all civil defense and emergency resources management functions of this state be coordinated to the maximum extent with the comparable functions of the federal government, including its various departments and agencies, of other states and localities, and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective preparation and use may be made of available manpower, resources and facilities for dealing with disaster.

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

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