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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1339

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 (Public finance - Rural Economic Action Plan Water
9 Projects Fund - effective date -
10 emergency)

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 193, O.S.L.
15 1996, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 373, O.S.L. 1998 (62
16 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2003), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 2003. A. Except as otherwise provided by this section,
18 the monies appropriated to the Rural Economic Action Plan Water
19 Projects Fund shall be administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources
20 Board in the same manner as provided by law for the grant of other
21 funds for water related projects subject to the provisions contained
22 ~~herein~~ in this section.

23 B. The monies referred to in subsection A of this section shall
24 be distributed to eligible cities and towns, unincorporated areas or
25 other qualified entities located within the areas represented by the
26 following organizations:

- 27 1. Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG);
- 28 2. Association of South Central Oklahoma Governments (ASCOG);
- 29 3. Central Oklahoma Economic Development District (COEDD);
- 30 4. Eastern Oklahoma Economic Development District (EOEDD);
- 31 5. Grand Gateway Economic Development Association (GGEDA);
- 32 6. Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG);

- 1 7. Kiamichi Economic Development District (KEDDO);
- 2 8. Northern Oklahoma Development Association (NODA);
- 3 9. Oklahoma Economic Development Association (OEDA);
- 4 10. Southern Oklahoma Development Association (SODA); and
- 5 11. South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA).

6 C. The monies referred to in subsection A of this section shall
7 not be expended for the benefit of cities or towns with a population
8 in excess of seven thousand (7,000) persons according to the latest
9 Federal Decennial Census. Any municipality may enter into an
10 agreement with an entity described in subsection B of this section
11 to apply for available funds described by this section if the
12 municipality is located within the area served by the entity. Upon
13 approval of the application, funds shall be paid to the municipality
14 requesting the funds.

15 D. An entity described in subsection B of this section may
16 apply for a grant to be used for the benefit of an unincorporated
17 area within a county served by that entity. Any county may enter
18 into an agreement with an entity described in subsection B of this
19 section if the county is located within the area served by the
20 entity. Upon approval of the application, funds shall be paid to
21 the county requesting the funds.

22 E. The monies referred to in subsection A of this section may
23 be expended for water quality projects, including but not limited to
24 sewer line construction or repair and related storm or sanitary
25 sewer projects, water line construction or repair, water treatment,
26 water acquisition, distribution or recovery and related projects.

27 F. Any city or town with a population less than one thousand
28 five hundred (1,500) persons according to the latest Federal
29 Decennial Census shall have a higher priority for funds allocated by
30 the Oklahoma Water Resources Board from the amount referred to in
31 subsection A of this section than jurisdictions of greater size.
32 Among such cities or towns, those municipalities having relatively

1 weaker fiscal capacity shall have a priority for project funding in
2 preference to other municipalities.

3 G. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall establish ten
4 separate accounts containing one-tenth (1/10) of the amount annually
5 appropriated to the Rural Economic Action Plan Water Projects Fund
6 per account. Each account shall be available for distribution to
7 qualified entities located within the area served by entities
8 described in subsection A of Section 2007 of this title or for
9 distribution to benefit unincorporated areas with the exception of
10 one account which shall be divided equally into two subaccounts.
11 Each one of the two subaccounts shall be available for distribution
12 to qualified entities located within the respective jurisdiction of
13 one of the entities described by subsection B of Section 2007 of
14 this title or for distribution to benefit unincorporated areas. No
15 funds deposited into one account or subaccount shall be transferred
16 to any other account. The total expenditure from any one account or
17 subaccount for each fiscal year may not exceed the amount of funds
18 available to each account as may be provided by law.

19 H. No city, town or other entity to which funds shall be
20 awarded pursuant to this section shall be required to provide any
21 form of match to obtain the funds, whether through cash, services or
22 any other method.

23 I. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall not be allowed to
24 retain any of the funds referred to in subsection A of this section
25 for administration. All such funds shall be distributed to eligible
26 entities as authorized by law.

27 J. In order to permit equal access to the funds referred to in
28 subsection A of this section, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
29 shall not act upon an application for such funds until January 1
30 each year. Applications may be submitted to the Oklahoma Water
31 Resources Board on or after July 1 each year.

32 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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