

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2237

By: Settle and Begley of the
House

and

Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

(Department of Environmental Quality - budgeting in
certain categories - budgetary limitations -
effective date)

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, the
Department of Environmental Quality shall budget all funds in the
following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Administrative Services Division	\$0.00	\$0.00
Air Quality Division	0.00	0.00
Customer Services Division	0.00	0.00
Environmental Complaints and Local Services (ECLS)	0.00	0.00
Water Quality Division	0.00	0.00
Waste Management Division	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00

SECTION 2. The duties and compensation of employees, not
otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed
upon the Department of Environmental Quality by law shall be set by
the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality.
The salary of the Executive Director of the Department of
Environmental Quality shall not exceed _____ Dollars (\$0.00)

per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. The Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	0.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 3. A. The Executive Director may request that receipt and expenditure of unanticipated federal funds awarded after July 1, 2000, be exempt from expenditure limitations and from budgetary limitations.

1. The Executive Director shall make a request for exemption to the Director of State Finance in writing and file a revised budget program.

2. The Executive Director shall also file copies of the request for exemption and budget work program revisions with the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight created by Section 41.47 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Committee shall notify the Director of State Finance of any noncompliance of the request with legislative intent within twelve (12) calendar days of the Committee's receipt of the exemption request.

B. The Director of State Finance shall approve the request for exemption unless both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight provide written notification to the Director of State Finance within twelve (12) calendar days of the Committee's receipt of the exemption request that the exemption subverts the intention and objectives of the Legislature in establishing the original limit. The Director of State Finance shall give written notice of approval or disapproval

of each exemption to the agency, the Governor and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Program and Budget Oversight within eighteen (18) calendar days of receiving the request.

SECTION 4. The Department of Environmental Quality shall provide from any funds available contractual services to the Oklahoma Rural Water Association for technical assistance programs to rural water system operators.

SECTION 5. The Department of Environmental Quality is directed to expend an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from solid waste fee collections by the Department for the purpose of compensation, benefits and other necessary expenses during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, associated with the transfer of thirty-one (31.0) full-time-equivalent employees from the Oklahoma and Tulsa City-County Health Departments to the Department of Environmental Quality, as authorized by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective September 1, 2000.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of February, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

President of the Senate