ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1375

By: Helton of the Senate

and

Glover and Kirby of the House

An Act relating to waters and water rights; creating the Cache Creek Water Supply and Flood Impact Task Force; stating objectives; providing for permanent task force; providing for abolishment; stating membership; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for meetings; requiring selection of officers; providing for task force to make certain recommendations; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 110.20 of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Cache Creek Water Supply and Flood Impact Task Force. The objective of the task force shall be to study and review the hydrological characteristics of streams in the Cache Creek basin and determine the impact of the operation of Lake Lawtonka and Lake Ellsworth in order to consider alternatives for maximizing the water supply and recreation capacity of such lakes for the long-range needs of the region in addition to minimizing the impact of flooding in the agricultural areas near Cache Creek in Comanche and Cotton counties.

B. The task force shall be a permanent task force until such time it is abolished by the joint agreement of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

C. Membership of the task force shall be as follows:

1. One representative from the City of Lawton to be selected by the Lawton City Council;

2. One representative each from the Comanche County Conservation District and the Cotton County Conservation District to be selected by their respective Board of Directors;

3. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, or a designee;

4. Members of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives who represent districts affected by the water supply, recreational use and flooding impact of Cache Creek, Lake Ellsworth and Lake Lawtonka; and

5. Other members as deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

D. Legislative members of the task force shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel expenses pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Non-legislative members shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. The first meeting of the task force shall be made by a joint call of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Members of the task force shall select a chair and vice-chair at the first meeting. Subsequent meetings may be held at the call of the chair, or as deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

F. The task force shall declare findings and submit written recommendations to the Oklahoma Legislature as they deem necessary.

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

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of May, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives