

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; amending Section 6, Chapter 398, O.S.L. 1992, as renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, and as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 217, O.S.L. 1997 (27A O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 1-3-101), which relates to jurisdictional areas of responsibilities of state environmental agencies; adding to responsibilities of certain agencies relating to groundwater protection and regulation; creating the Oklahoma Groundwater Protection Act; providing legislative findings; setting out purposes; giving each state groundwater regulatory authority; requiring promulgation of rules; requiring groundwater protection practices development; providing restriction; requiring certain action; providing for cooperation; providing for certain plans and studies; requiring sampling and analysis; requiring participation in a data management system; making the Oklahoma Water Resources Board sole authority to promulgate comprehensive standards; providing for establishment of groundwater standards; providing conditions and considerations; providing for development of a comprehensive state groundwater protection program and implementation guidelines; adding to powers and duties of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; requiring monitoring and assessment program; providing for identification of sensitive groundwater areas; requiring computerized database of geographic data; requiring certain reports; creating the Groundwater Coordinating Committee; providing for membership; specifying duties; prohibiting certain actions; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.