

An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending 82 O.S. 2001, Sections 1020.4, 1020.5, 1020.6, 1020.9, 1020.10, and 1020.11, which relate to groundwater permitting; requiring the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to investigate and prepare certain reports prior to establishing tentative maximum annual yield of groundwater basin or subbasins; stating requirements to include in report; requiring Board to make certain determinations; requiring public comment for certain time period; modifying requirements for Board to make certain determinations; requiring Board to prepare schedule for updating certain reports and determinations of maximum annual yield; modifying procedure for certain hearings; authorizing interested persons to request to participate in hearing; authorizing the Board to decrease certain water allocations for certain reasons; adding requirements for the Board to use in making certain determinations on certain final applications; authorizing the Board to approve applications upon certain findings; requiring Board to consider certain relevant factors and evidence before determining approval of certain applications; stating limitations on approval of regular permits for certain time period; prohibiting Board from issuing temporary permits without certain determination; requiring certain notice and hearing; authorizing suspension or modification of certain permits for certain purposes; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.