

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1572

By: Lerblance of the Senate
and
Walker of the House

[municipal and rural water providers - agreements -
codification -
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 37-121.1 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

To avoid disputes over service territory among the various water providers established by law, it is the policy of this state to encourage all providers to utilize local contracts or other joint cooperative agreements to allocate customers, territory, revenues or any other aspect related to the provision of water service by such providers. A municipal governing body or a public trust of which a municipality is beneficiary is hereby authorized to enter into such contracts or joint cooperative agreements with a rural water district or a corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 1001 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of developing and providing a rural water supply to serve rural residents. Such contracts or agreements shall not be deemed to be anticompetitive or otherwise contrary to any antitrust provisions established by law.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1324.10a of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

To avoid disputes over service territory among the various water providers established by law, it is the policy of this state to encourage all providers to utilize local contracts or other joint cooperative agreements to allocate customers, territory, revenues or any other aspect related to the provision of water service by such providers. A rural water district or a corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 1001 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of developing and providing a rural water supply to serve rural residents is hereby authorized to enter into such contracts or joint cooperative agreements with a municipal governing body or a public trust of which a municipality is beneficiary. Such contracts or agreements shall not be deemed to be anticompetitive or otherwise contrary to any antitrust provisions established by law.

SECTION 3. 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 9th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives