

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1677

By: Lerblance and Shurden of
the Senate

and

Harrison of the House

[waters and water rights - Oklahoma Citizens Local
Water Control Act - 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 900.1 of Title 82, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Citizens Local Water Control Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 900.2 of Title 82, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created for each lake or reservoir in this
state under the jurisdiction of the United State Corps of Engineers
a Citizens Lake Committee which shall be advisory group of five
persons who reside within the watershed area of each lake or
reservoir. The Secretary of Environment shall be responsible for
creating the initial committees pursuant to the provisions of this
act and is authorized to direct the promulgation of any rules
necessary to implement this act. The Office of the Secretary of
Environment shall be responsible for any administrative costs or
travel reimbursement pursuant to this act.

B. No later than September 1, 2006, members of the individual
Citizens Lake Committees created pursuant to subsection A of this
section, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall

strive to appoint members to represent recreation, tourism, rural and municipal water supplies, agriculture, fish, wildlife, marinas and other crucial local water related economic interests.

C. Each Citizens Lake Committee will be an active oversight committee for monitoring acceptable practical lake levels, roads and other lake or reservoir conditions and consulting with federal entities on such issues. Members shall meet with local, state and federal officials and agency representatives to discuss issues of importance regarding the management of the lake or reservoir. Annually the Governor shall call a meeting of all Citizens Lake Committees and the appropriate local, state and federal entities.

D. Members appointed to a Citizens Lake Committee shall serve without compensation but shall be eligible for actual and necessary travel reimbursement as provided by the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. The Secretary of Environment shall solicit public comments and recommendations relating to the duties of the Citizens Lake Committees and no later than December 15, 2006, the Secretary shall submit legislative recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to carry out the provisions of this act.

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 2nd 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