

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 54

By: Lerblance of the Senate

and

Walker of the House

[waters and water rights - providers - local

contracts - joint cooperative 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 1324.10a of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In order to avoid disputes over service territory among the various water providers established pursuant to state law, it is the policy of the State of Oklahoma to encourage such providers to utilize local contracts or other joint cooperative agreements to allocate customers, territory, revenues or any other aspect of providing water, sewer, gas, or solid waste services by such providers. A rural water district or a corporation organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 1001 et seq. of Title 18 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 municipality or a public trust of which the municipality is beneficiary. Such contracts or agreements shall not be deemed to be anti-competitive or otherwise contrary to any antitrust provisions.

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 8th day of March, 2005.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2005.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives