

3 Senate Bill No. 1572  
4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1572 - By: LERBLANCE of the Senate and WALKER of the  
6 House.

7 [ municipal and rural water providers - agreements -  
8 codification -  
9 emergency ]

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 37-121.1 of Title 11, unless  
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

1 to be anticompetitive or otherwise contrary to any antitrust  
2 provisions established by law.

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

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

20 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
22 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
23 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated  
2 2-23-06 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.