

3 **Senate Bill No. 1677**  
4 **As Amended**

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1677 - By: LERBLANCE of the Senate and HARRISON of  
6 the House.

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

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

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

19 A. There is hereby created for each lake or reservoir in this  
20 state under the jurisdiction of the United State Corps of Engineers  
21 a Citizens Lake Committee which shall be advisory group of five  
22 persons who reside within the watershed area of each lake or  
23 reservoir. The Secretary of Environment shall be responsible for  
24 creating the initial committees pursuant to the provisions of this  
25 act and is authorized to direct the promulgation of any rules

1 necessary to implement this act. The Office of the Secretary of  
2 Environment shall be responsible for any administrative costs or  
3 travel reimbursement pursuant to this act.

4 B. No later than September 1, 2006, members of the individual  
5 Citizens Lake Committees created pursuant to subsection A of this  
6 section, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall  
7 strive to appoint members to represent recreation, tourism, rural  
8 and municipal water supplies, agriculture, fish, wildlife, marinas  
9 and other crucial local water related economic interests.

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

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

22 E. The Secretary of Environment shall solicit public comments  
23 and recommendations relating to the duties of the Citizens Lake

1 Committees and no later than December 15, 2006, the Secretary shall  
2 submit legislative recommendations to the Governor and the  
3 Legislature to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated  
9 2-23-06 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.