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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Senate Bill No. 54
As Amended

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

1 beneficiary. Such contracts or agreements shall not be deemed to be
2 anti-competitive or otherwise contrary to any antitrust provisions.

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, dated
8 2-17-05 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.