

An Act relating to waters and water rights; stating public policy regulating use of certain waters for mining purposes; defining terms; prohibiting Oklahoma Water Resources Board from issuing certain permits relating to mining usage for certain water supplies; requiring Board to make certain determination; requiring certain evidence by applicants; stating requirements for certain plan prior to approval by Board; authorizing certain parties to agree on compensation in lieu of restoration; prohibiting Board to require replacement of certain water supplies upon presentation of certain evidence; requiring Board to provide opportunity for contested case hearings; requiring Board to promulgate certain rules; amending 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1020.9, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 365, O.S.L. 2003 (82 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1020.9), which relates to approval of applications; requiring Board to make certain determination prior to final action on an application; stating certain requirement for issuance of regular permit; amending 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1020.2, which relates to declaration of public policy; modifying certain exemption relating to mining of water; amending 45 O.S. 2001, Section 724, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 221, O.S.L. 2005 (45 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 724), requiring certain permits from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board prior to issuing certain mining permits; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.