

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT

TO

2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1627

By: Paddack of the Senate

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4 Billy of the House

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8 (water supplies - marginal-quality water technical

9 review group - noncodification -

10 emergency)

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13 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Roan

14 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and
entire bill and insert

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16 "An Act relating to water supplies; stating
17 legislative findings; directing the Oklahoma Water
Resources Board to establish a marginal-quality
18 water technical work group; specifying
representatives for the work group; providing for
19 chair and vice-chair position and travel
reimbursement; stating duties of the technical work
20 group; directing the technical work group to provide
certain information for certain process; requiring
the technical work group to issue a report;
21 providing for distribution; providing for staff
assistance; providing for noncodification;
22 providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
3 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

4 A. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby finds that:

5 1. Our state contains a relative wealth of both high- and
6 marginal-quality waters, both surface and ground;

7 2. Marginal-quality waters include brackish or saline-
8 contaminated waters which result from natural or man-made
9 contamination which may be used or reused for many industrial
10 purposes;

11 3. The potential for increased use of marginal-quality water
12 should be based on a science-based assessment of available
13 technologies and regulatory systems; and

14 4. The Legislature would benefit from a study and evaluation of
15 those technologies and regulatory or management systems in place
16 elsewhere or otherwise being developed to maximize beneficially
17 useable supplies of marginal-quality water.

18 B. The Legislature hereby directs the Oklahoma Water Resources
19 Board, in the development of the update to the Oklahoma
20 Comprehensive Water Plan, to establish before September 1, 2008, a
21 marginal-quality water technical work group consisting of
22 representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality, the
23 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, the Oklahoma
24 Conservation Commission, the Department of Mines, the Corporation

1 Commission, the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, the Commission on
2 Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells and any other state entity it
3 deems appropriate, and from the following stakeholder groups:
4 municipal governments, American Indian tribal governments,
5 agricultural industry, oil and gas industry, mining industry,
6 electrical power industry, rural water associations, hunting and/or
7 fishing groups and a statewide nonprofit environmental organization,
8 and in addition each member shall have demonstrated experience or
9 interest in one or more issues affecting water management, supply,
10 delivery, treatment, or rights.

11 C. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
12 or a designee shall chair the technical work group, and the
13 technical work group shall select from its membership a vice-chair.
14 Members shall serve without compensation but shall be eligible for
15 actual and necessary travel reimbursement in accordance with the
16 provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

17 D. The technical work group shall:

18 1. Identify those municipal, industrial, business,
19 agricultural, or environmental flow water needs that do not require
20 the allocation or consumption of high-quality water supplies;

21 2. Identify those marginal-quality water supplies that may be
22 available for potential development for such uses;

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1 3. Study and examine how this state could effectively and
2 economically increase the available and beneficially useable supply
3 of marginal-quality water; and

4 4. Make recommendations on how best to utilize marginal-quality
5 water supplies which will improve the management of our state's
6 surface and ground water supplies for the benefit of our citizens,
7 economy, and environment.

8 E. To the greatest extent possible, the technical work group
9 shall provide information for use in the Oklahoma Comprehensive
10 State Water Plan update process.

11 F. The technical work group shall summarize its study,
12 examination, majority recommendations based thereon, and any
13 dissenting viewpoints in a report to be made part of the update to
14 the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan that shall be distributed to
15 the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
16 and the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

17 G. Staff assistance for the technical work group shall be
18 provided by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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 Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of April, 2008.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2008.

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