

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1410

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to water; stating Legislative
8 findings; directing the Oklahoma Water Resources
9 Board to conduct certain pilot projects relating to
10 recharging water aquifers; requiring coordination
11 with other entities; stating requirements for certain
12 pilot projects; providing for public and private
13 funding; requiring Board to collect and publish
14 certain data; providing for noncodification; and
15 declaring an emergency.

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

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

19 A. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby finds that protection and
20 conservation of our state's most precious natural resource, water,
21 is our most important duty on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma.

22 B. In an effort to meet the water supply challenges in the next
23 century and beyond, it is the duty of this Legislature to implement
24 measures to address population growth needs for water supplies,
future water and wastewater infrastructure costs, balance economic
development and protection of the environment, satisfy competing

1 water interests equitably, and reduce our vulnerability to droughts
2 and flooding.

3 C. To address these issues the Legislature hereby directs the
4 Oklahoma Water Resources Board to direct pilot projects designed to
5 recharge various types of aquifers located in this state. The
6 Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall coordinate a technical work
7 group made up of representatives from the American Water Institute,
8 the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the National Oceanic and
9 Atmospheric Administration, the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, the
10 University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University and any other
11 governmental entity it deems necessary to direct these pilot
12 projects.

13 D. The group shall determine the locations throughout the state
14 where the pilot projects shall be conducted but at least one project
15 shall be conducted on each of the following types of aquifers:

- 16 1. Unconfined, alluvial aquifer;
- 17 2. Confined, sedimentary aquifer;
- 18 3. Unconfined, karst or fractured rock aquifer; and
- 19 4. Confined, karst or fractured rock aquifer.

20 E. Any state agency whose mission is compatible with the pilot
21 projects authorized by this act is authorized to contribute any
22 available monies otherwise authorized by law and private donations
23 by any person, corporation or other governmental entity for such
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1 purpose may be accepted and shall be coordinated by the Oklahoma
2 Water Resources Board.

3 F. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall collect and analyze
4 data resulting from any aquifer recharge projects authorized by this
5 act and make such findings available to the Legislature, other
6 governmental entities and the public when the Board deems it
7 appropriate for release.

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

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