

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1573

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7 An Act relating to drinking water systems; creating
8 the Oklahoma Drinking Water Purification Systems Task
9 Force; stating purpose; stating membership; providing
10 for appointments within certain time period;
11 requiring task force to study certain issues;
12 requiring report by certain date; providing for
13 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

17 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Drinking Water
18 Purification Systems Task Force for the purpose of studying drinking
19 water purification systems and the potential benefits of replacing
20 Chlorine Gas with On-Site Hypochlorite Generation as a means of
21 purifying drinking water supplies.

22 B. The task force shall be organized, staffed and conducted by
23 the Secretary of Environment. The Secretary, or a designee, shall
24 serve as the chair of the task force. Members shall include
representatives of the Department of Environmental Quality, the

1 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, the Oklahoma Municipal League and
2 the Oklahoma Rural Water Association and any other interested groups
3 as the Secretary deems appropriate. The Secretary of Environment
4 shall make appointments to the task force no later than thirty (30)
5 days following the effective date of this act.

6 C. The task force shall study the potential safety hazards
7 involved in the use and storage of chlorine gas in our communities
8 and research available alternative treatment options and examine
9 potential funding mechanisms available to local communities desiring
10 to implement alternative systems for their water purification needs.

11 D. The task force shall meet at the call of the Secretary of
12 Environment and issue a report of its findings no later than
13 December 1, 2008. The report shall be distributed to the Governor,
14 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
15 of Representatives and shall be made available to the public.

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

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