

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1689

By: Paddack, Gumm and Johnson
(Constance) of the Senate

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4 Billy of the House

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7 [waters and water rights - Oklahoma Water Center Act
8 - mining - sensitive sole source groundwater basin
9 - codification - effective date -
10 emergency]

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1086.10 of Title 82, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
18 Water Center Act".

19 B. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall include provisions
20 in the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, as otherwise authorized by
21 law and updated in 2011, for creation of a water science and
22 research advisory council for implementation of the Oklahoma
23 Comprehensive Water Plan. The council shall be known as the
24 Oklahoma Water Center.

1 C. The Oklahoma Water Center shall consist of members from
2 state and federal agencies and institutions of higher education and
3 other appropriate entities that conduct activities related to
4 coordinated water research, planning, water quantity and water
5 quality, as identified in the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan,
6 updated in 2011. The members shall be appointed by and serve at the
7 pleasure of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources
8 Board.

9 D. Members of the Oklahoma Water Center appointed pursuant to
10 this section shall serve without compensation but may be eligible
11 for necessary travel reimbursement as authorized by the Executive
12 Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and subject to the
13 provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 E. The Oklahoma Water Center shall:

15 1. Act as a water science and research advisory council to the
16 Oklahoma Water Resources Board in implementation of the Oklahoma
17 Comprehensive Water Plan;

18 2. Review state and federal assistance opportunities for
19 coordinated research, planning, design, and construction for water-
20 related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and
21 development projects, including projects for water supply, storage,
22 treatment, and related facilities, water quality protection,
23 wastewater treatment, and related facilities, environmental
24 restoration, and surface water resource protection, flood control,

1 recreation, and development, as identified in the Oklahoma
2 Comprehensive Water Plan; and

3 3. Perform other duties as indentified in the update of the
4 Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan.

5 D. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall provide staff for
6 the Oklahoma Water Center.

7 E. The Oklahoma Water Center shall submit a report to the
8 Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives by December 31 each year.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1020.2, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1020.2 A. It is hereby declared to be the public
13 policy of this state, in the interest of the agricultural stability,
14 domestic, municipal, industrial and other beneficial uses, general
15 economy, health and welfare of the state and its citizens, to
16 utilize the ground water resources of the state, and for that
17 purpose to provide reasonable regulations for the allocation for
18 reasonable use based on hydrologic surveys of fresh ~~ground-water~~
19 groundwater basins or subbasins to determine a restriction on the
20 production, based upon the acres overlying the ~~ground-water~~
21 groundwater basin or subbasin.

22 B. The provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Groundwater Law,
23 Section 1020.1 et seq. of this title, shall not apply to the taking,
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1 using or disposal of salt water associated with the exploration,
2 production or recovery of oil and gas ~~or~~.

3 C. The provisions of the Oklahoma Groundwater Law shall not
4 apply to the taking, using or disposal of water trapped in producing
5 mines unless the water originates from a sensitive sole source
6 groundwater basin or subbasin.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

8 SECTION 4. 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.

12 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
17 2010.

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