

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1633

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; creating
8 the Task Force on Out-of-State Water Sales; stating
9 purpose; providing for membership; providing for
10 meetings, election of a chair, quorum, and staffing;
11 providing for travel reimbursement; requiring a
12 report by a 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 until December 31, 2009, the "Task
18 Force on Out-of-State Water Sales". The purpose of the Task Force
19 shall be to study the issues relating to the sale of water out of
20 the state and to make recommendations.

21 B. The Task Force shall be composed of ten (10) members as
22 follows:

23 1. Seven (7) members shall be selected from among industry,
24 county and municipal governments, Indian Tribes, and citizens of the
state appointed by:

- a. the Governor,
- b. the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate,
- c. the Minority Leader of the State Senate,
- d. the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- e. the Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- f. the Chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, and
- g. the Chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee;

2. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board or a designee;

3. The Secretary of Environment or a designee; and

4. The Attorney General or a designee.

C. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than September 1, 2009.

D. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board or designee shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force by September 30, 2009. Members of the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the membership. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Task Force.

1 E. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
2 State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

3 F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
4 serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as
5 follows:

6 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
7 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of
8 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
9 Oklahoma Statutes; and

10 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
11 by their respective appointing authorities for their necessary
12 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
13 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 G. The Task Force shall study the subject matter specified in
15 subsection A of this section and submit a report of its findings and
16 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31,
17 2009.

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

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