

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE BILL 1689

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; creating  
8 the Oklahoma Water Center Act; providing short title;  
9 providing for an advisory council; stating purpose;  
10 providing for the appointment of members; stating  
11 qualifications; stating duties; providing for travel  
reimbursement; providing for staffing; requiring  
12 annual report by certain date; directing  
13 distribution; providing for codification; providing  
14 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

1 Comprehensive Water Plan. The council shall be known as the  
2 Oklahoma Water Center.

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

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

16 E. The Oklahoma Water Center shall:

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

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

1 wastewater treatment, and related facilities, environmental  
2 restoration, and surface water resource protection, flood control,  
3 recreation, and development, as identified in the Oklahoma  
4 Comprehensive Water Plan; and

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

7 D. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall provide staff for  
8 the Oklahoma Water Center.

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

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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