

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 597

By: Bingman, Brecheen and
Fields of the Senate

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Thomsen of the House

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8 [water rights - statutory reference -
emergency]

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13 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and
14 entire bill and insert

15 "An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending
16 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1020.2, which relates to
17 groundwater law; modifying public policy; requiring
18 promulgation of certain rules; and declaring an
19 emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1020.2, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1020.2 A. It is hereby declared to be the public
24 policy of this state, in the interest of the agricultural stability,

1 domestic, municipal, industrial and other beneficial uses, general
2 economy, health and welfare of the state and its citizens, to
3 utilize the groundwater resources of the state, and for that purpose
4 to provide reasonable regulations for the allocation for reasonable
5 use based on hydrologic surveys of fresh groundwater basins or
6 subbasins to determine a restriction on the production, based upon
7 the acres overlying the groundwater basin or subbasin.

8 B. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the taking,
9 using or disposal of salt water associated with the exploration,
10 production or recovery of oil and gas ~~or~~.

11 C. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the taking,
12 using or disposal of water trapped in producing mines, except that
13 the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, in conjunction with the
14 Department of Mines, shall promulgate rules for the consumptive use
15 of water from producing mines that overlie a sole-source groundwater
16 basin or subbasin in compliance with site-specific water management
17 plans.

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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