

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1089

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8 An Act relating to brine production; creating a
9 Senate interim study; assigning certain committee to
10 study certain issues relating to brine production;
11 stating time period; stating requirements;
12 authorizing certain reports; 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. In an effort to gain knowledge of new technological advances
18 that may encourage beneficial uses of brine, there is hereby created
19 an interim study made up of the members of the Senate Energy
20 Committee. Under the direction of the Senate Energy Committee
21 chair, the committee members will meet during the 2012 interim and
22 study the production and uses of brine.

23 B. Brine is a waste fluid associated with oil and gas
24 production, consisting primarily of saltwater and classified by
state law as a deleterious substance. It is known to kill plant

1 life, contaminate freshwater supplies and has no value. Currently
2 it costs oil and gas producers working in this state a great deal of
3 money to dispose of such fluids. There are new technologies being
4 developed to convert brine from a waste product into a valuable
5 resource, resulting in fresh water, various forms of salt, feedstock
6 for chemical products such as plastics and fertilizer. As brine
7 production technology advances, new brine production facilities may
8 be primarily located in rural areas near oil and gas operations that
9 produce brine; therefore, our state may further benefit from the
10 opportunity to create a new business venture utilizing our natural
11 resources.

12 C. The Energy Committee is hereby directed to invite companies
13 developing such new technologies relating to brine production to
14 discuss these issues and consult with the Corporation Commission,
15 the Department of Environmental Quality, the Secretary of Energy and
16 the Secretary of the Environment to determine if current regulatory
17 authority and laws would require modification to promote and
18 regulate brine production as the industry develops in this state.

19 D. The Energy Committee may report any findings or legislative
20 recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as the
21 chair deems necessary and appropriate following the conclusion of
22 the study.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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