

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 597

By: Bingman, Brecheen and  
Fields of the Senate

6 and

7 Thomsen of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 [ waters and water rights - exceptions-

12 Groundwater law -

emergency ]

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16 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

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

19 Section 1020.2 A. It is hereby declared to be the public  
20 policy of this state, in the interest of the agricultural stability,  
21 domestic, municipal, industrial and other beneficial uses, general  
22 economy, health and welfare of the state and its citizens, to  
23 utilize the groundwater resources of the state, and for that purpose  
24 to provide reasonable regulations for the allocation for reasonable

1 use based on hydrologic surveys of fresh groundwater basins or  
2 subbasins to determine a restriction on the production, based upon  
3 the acres overlying the groundwater basin or subbasin.

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

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

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

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