



1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Water for 2060  
2 Act".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1088.12 of Title 82, unless  
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The Legislature hereby declares that, in order to protect  
7 Oklahoma citizens from increased water supply shortages and  
8 groundwater depletions by the year 2060 in most of the eighty-two  
9 watershed planning basins in the state as described in the 2012  
10 Update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, the public policy  
11 of this state is to establish and work toward a goal of consuming no  
12 more fresh water in the year 2060 than is consumed statewide in the  
13 year 2012, while continuing to grow the population and economy of  
14 the state and to achieve this goal through utilizing existing water  
15 supplies more efficiently and expanding the use of alternatives such  
16 as wastewater, brackish water, and other nonpotable supplies.  
17 Provided, however, that nothing in the Water for 2060 Act shall be  
18 construed as amending the provisions of law pertaining to rights or  
19 permits to use water.

20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1088.1, is  
21 amended to read as follows:  
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1 Section 1088.1 A. ~~This section shall be known and may be cited~~  
2 ~~as~~ There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Water Conservation Grant  
3 Program ~~Act~~".

4 B. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall solicit proposals  
5 for and make grants for the establishment of pilot programs which  
6 will implement water conservation projects or plans in communities  
7 in the state.

8 C. The goals and objectives of the grant program are to:

9 1. Increase the awareness of the public through education  
10 programs or public information campaigns regarding the value of our  
11 water resources and how water can be used more efficiently;

12 2. Provide assistance to communities or entities initiating  
13 water conservation plans, programs, and activities and to research  
14 and document the potential for improving water use efficiency  
15 through demonstration projects and other activities; and

16 3. Assist in the development of policies which will encourage  
17 the implementation of water conservation measures.

18 D. For purposes of this section, communities may include entire  
19 cities or towns, combined cities or towns, parts of cities or towns,  
20 or schools, groups or entities located within a community, or one or  
21 more rural water districts or portions of water districts.

22 E. Contingent upon the availability of funding, the Board may  
23 award grants each year in an amount not to exceed Twenty-five  
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1 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each grant. The total amount of  
2 grants awarded each year shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars  
3 (\$50,000.00).

4 F. The pilot projects shall be innovative programs that will  
5 serve as models for other communities in the state. Pilot projects  
6 may include, but are not limited to, community conservation  
7 demonstration projects, water use accounting programs, retrofit  
8 projects, school education projects, Xeriscape demonstration  
9 gardens, projects which promote efficiency, recycling and reuse of  
10 water, and information campaigns on capturing and using harvested  
11 rainwater and graywater.

12 G. The Board shall determine pilot project criteria and  
13 establish a process for the consideration of proposals. The  
14 proposals for pilot projects shall be considered on a statewide  
15 competitive basis. The Board shall promulgate rules for the  
16 operation of the projects.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1088.14 of Title 82, unless  
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created an advisory council to be known as  
21 the "Water for 2060 Advisory Council".

22 B. The Advisory Council shall consist of fifteen (15) members  
23 as follows:

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1           1. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources  
2 Board;

3           2. Four members appointed by the Governor who shall be well  
4 versed in municipal, rural residential, and agriculture water uses,  
5 as well as water-efficiency practices and technologies;

6           3. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
7 of Representatives who shall be well versed in recreation,  
8 industrial, and irrigation water uses, as well as water and  
9 wastewater reuse practices and technologies; and

10          4. Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
11 Oklahoma State Senate who shall be well versed in soil conservation,  
12 small business, and environmental water interests, as well as  
13 marginal quality and brackish water use practices and technologies.

14          C. Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of their  
15 respective appointing authority.

16          D. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
17 shall serve as chair of the Advisory Council, with other officers  
18 selected by the Advisory Council as it deems necessary. Meetings of  
19 the Advisory Council shall be held at the call of the chair. A  
20 majority of the members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a  
21 quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right  
22 of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the  
23 Advisory Council. A vacancy on the Advisory Council shall be filled

1 by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the  
2 Advisory Council shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma  
3 Water Resources Board. Other state agencies shall provide support  
4 and information as requested by the Advisory Council.

5 E. The Advisory Council shall have the following duties and  
6 responsibilities:

7 1. Recommend incentives to encourage improved irrigation and  
8 farming techniques, more efficient infrastructure, use of water  
9 recycling/reuse systems, promotion of "smart" irrigation techniques,  
10 control of invasive species, artificial recharge of aquifers, and  
11 increased use of marginal quality and brackish waters;

12 2. Make recommendations regarding the expansion of education  
13 programs that modify and improve consumer water-use habits;

14 3. Enhance existing, or develop new, financial assistance  
15 programs that encourage Oklahoma water systems to implement leak  
16 detection and repair programs that result in reduced loss and waste  
17 of water, as well as encourage consolidation and regionalization of  
18 smaller systems in order to utilize limited resources most  
19 efficiently; and

20 4. Any other responsibilities consistent with the Water for  
21 2060 Act.

22 F. The Advisory Council shall submit a final report of its  
23 findings and recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the House  
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1 of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later  
2 than the date which is three (3) years following the date this act  
3 becomes effective.

4 SECTION 5. RECODIFICATION 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1088.1,  
5 as amended by Section 3 of this act, shall be recodified as Section  
6 1088.13 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, unless there is  
7 created a duplication in numbering.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE AND  
10 ENVIRONMENT, dated 02/15/2012 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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