

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

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

By: Bingman, Brecheen and
Fields of the Senate

and

Thomsen, Ownbey and
Hilliard of the House

11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 [waters and water rights - exceptions-

13 Groundwater law -

emergency]

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

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

20 Section 1020.2 A. It is hereby declared to be the public
21 policy of this state, in the interest of the agricultural stability,
22 domestic, municipal, industrial and other beneficial uses, general
23 economy, health and welfare of the state and its citizens, to

1 utilize the groundwater resources of the state, and for that purpose
2 to provide reasonable regulations for the allocation for reasonable
3 use based on hydrologic surveys of fresh groundwater basins or
4 subbasins to determine a restriction on the production, based upon
5 the acres overlying the groundwater basin or subbasin.

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

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

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

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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 04-12-2011 - DO
22 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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