

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1589

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending
8 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1020.2, which relates to public
9 policy regarding the utilization of groundwater;
10 clarifying exemption from Oklahoma Groundwater Law;
11 providing an exception for water in mines from
12 certain areas; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

16 Section 1020.2 It is hereby declared to be the public policy of
17 this state, in the interest of the agricultural stability, domestic,
18 municipal, industrial and other beneficial uses, general economy,
19 health and welfare of the state and its citizens, to utilize the
20 groundwater resources of the state, and for that purpose to provide
21 reasonable regulations for the allocation for reasonable use based
22 on hydrologic surveys of fresh groundwater basins or subbasins to
23 determine a restriction on the production, based upon the acres
24 overlying the groundwater basin or subbasin. The provisions of ~~this~~

1 ~~act~~ the Oklahoma Groundwater Law shall not apply to the taking,
2 using or disposal of salt water associated with the exploration,
3 production or recovery of oil and gas or to the taking, using or
4 disposal of water trapped in producing mines unless the water
5 originates from a sensitive sole-source groundwater basin or
6 subbasin.

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

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