

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1034

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Water Resources
8 Board; amending 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1085.1, which
9 relates to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;
10 providing for appointment of two additional members;
11 stating areas of representation; stating
12 qualification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1085.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1085.1. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Water
17 Resources Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consisting of
18 ~~nine (9)~~ eleven (11) members to be appointed by the Governor, by and
19 with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall
20 constitute a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality,
21 agency and department of the State of Oklahoma, and exercise by the
22 Board of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed and shall
23 be held to be an essential governmental function of the State of
24 Oklahoma. ~~One member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year;~~
~~one member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; one~~

1 ~~member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years; one member~~
2 ~~shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years; one member shall be~~
3 ~~appointed for a term of five (5) years; two members shall be~~
4 ~~appointed for a term of six (6) years; and two members shall be~~
5 ~~appointed for a term of seven (7) years. Upon the expiration of~~
6 ~~said terms, their successors~~ Members shall be appointed for terms of
7 seven (7) years. One member shall be appointed from each of the
8 congressional districts of this state and the remaining members
9 shall be appointed at large. However, when congressional districts
10 are redrawn then each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year
11 in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the
12 current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the
13 year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on
14 the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year
15 in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any
16 redrawn districts which are not represented by a board member until
17 such time as each of the modified congressional districts are
18 represented by a board member. Provided, the two members appointed
19 pursuant to this section shall be at-large members representing
20 Eastern Oklahoma and Southeastern Oklahoma. Each member shall be a
21 qualified elector of this state. At all times the membership of the
22 Board shall have represented on it at least one member well versed
23 in each of the following major types of water use: recreational,
24 industrial, irrigational, municipal, rural residential, agricultural

1 and soil conservation work. Of the two members appointed pursuant
2 to this section, one shall be well versed in practices to reduce
3 silt and contamination from watersheds and one shall be well versed
4 in water distribution systems. Not more than two members may be
5 selected representing any one of the major types of water use. The
6 Board shall meet at least once each month. The members of the Board
7 may be removed only for cause. Whenever a vacancy shall occur, the
8 Governor shall appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term
9 of the vacant office. Each member of the Board upon entering upon
10 his or her duties shall take and subscribe to the constitutional and
11 statutory oath of office and file the same with the Secretary of
12 State.

13 B. The Board shall organize annually by electing a ~~chairman~~
14 chair, vice-chairman vice-chair, and secretary from the membership
15 of the Board, who shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed
16 by the Board.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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