

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1176

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending  
8 82 O.S. 2011, Section 105.2, which relates to water  
9 rights; providing statutory reference; updating  
10 gender; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 105.2, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 105.2. A. Beneficial use shall be the basis, the  
15 measure and the limit of the right to the use of water; provided,  
16 that water taken for domestic use shall not be subject to the  
17 provisions of ~~this act~~ Section 105.1 et seq. of this title, except  
18 as provided in Section 105.5 of this title. Any person has the  
19 right to take water for domestic use from a stream to which he or  
20 she is riparian or to take stream water for domestic use from wells  
21 on his or her premises. Water for domestic use may be stored in an  
22 amount not to exceed two (2) years' supply. The provisions of ~~this~~  
23 ~~act~~ Section 105.1 et seq. of this title shall not apply to farm  
24 ponds or gully plugs which are not located on definite streams and

1 which have been constructed under the supervision and specifications  
2 of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

3 B. Priority in time shall give the better right. From and  
4 after the date of June 10, 1963, the following priorities for the  
5 use of water and no other shall exist:

6 1. Prestatehood uses. Priorities to the quantity of water put  
7 to beneficial use prior to November 15, 1907, to the extent to which  
8 the priority has not been lost in whole or in part pursuant to  
9 Section 105.16 of this title when the same shall have been perfected  
10 as provided by ~~this act~~ Section 105.1 et seq. of this title and  
11 rules ~~and regulations~~ adopted by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.  
12 Such ~~said~~ priorities shall date from the initiation of the  
13 beneficial use.

14 2. Spavinaw, Grand, North Canadian, Blue and North Boggy  
15 adjudications. Priorities decreed to exist in adjudications brought  
16 in pursuance of ~~this act~~ Section 105.1 et seq. of this title where  
17 such adjudications have been initiated prior to the date of June 10,  
18 1963, to the extent to which these priorities have not been lost in  
19 whole or in part pursuant to Section 105.16 of this title. Such  
20 ~~said~~ priorities shall be dated as of the date assigned to them in  
21 the respective adjudication decrees.

22 3. Spavinaw, Grand, North Canadian, Blue and North Boggy Rivers  
23 - Applications prior to June 10, 1963. Priorities based upon  
24 applications for appropriations where the same shall have been

1 perfected heretofore under the law heretofore applicable to the  
2 extent to which the priority has not been lost in whole or in part  
3 pursuant to Section 105.16 of this title. Such ~~said~~ priorities  
4 shall be dated as of the date of the application therefor.

5 4. All other applications. Priorities based upon applications  
6 for appropriations to the extent the priority has not been lost in  
7 whole or in part pursuant to Section 105.16 of this title where the  
8 same shall be perfected after June 10, 1963, as provided by ~~this act~~  
9 Section 105.1 et seq. of this title and rules ~~and regulations~~  
10 adopted by the Board pursuant thereto. Such ~~said~~ priorities shall  
11 date from the date of application for the priority. Any permit to  
12 appropriate water issued by the Board from and after June 10, 1963,  
13 is hereby presumed to be valid and in full force and effect to the  
14 extent not lost in whole or in part due to nonuse, forfeiture or  
15 abandonment, pursuant to this title.

16 5. Federal withdrawals. Priorities based on the withdrawal of  
17 water by the United States pursuant to Section 105.29 of this title  
18 to the extent to which the priority has not been lost in whole or in  
19 part through nonutilization as provided by the said section or  
20 pursuant to Section 105.16 of this title. Such ~~said~~ priorities  
21 shall vest in the users of ~~said~~ the water as of the date of  
22 notification given pursuant to Section 105.29 of this title.

23 6. Poststatehood - Nonapplicant uses. Priorities based upon  
24 present beneficial use prior to June 10, 1963, and initiated on or

1 subsequent to November 15, 1907, to the extent to which the priority  
2 has not been lost in whole or in part pursuant to Section 105.16 of  
3 this title where the same has been perfected as provided by ~~this act~~  
4 Section 105.1 et seq. of this title and rules ~~and regulations~~  
5 adopted by the Board pursuant thereto. Such ~~said~~ priorities as to  
6 each quantity of water shall date from the initiation of the  
7 beneficial use of that quantity of water. Provided, however, that  
8 no priority based solely upon this paragraph shall take priority  
9 over priorities which bear a priority date earlier than the  
10 effective date of June 10, 1963, and which arise by virtue of  
11 compliance with the provisions of ~~the first five~~ paragraphs 1  
12 through 5 of this subsection.

13 7. Soil Conservation Service sediment pools. Priorities based  
14 upon beneficial use of that portion of the water designated by the  
15 Soil Conservation Service engineers as necessary for the sediment  
16 pool where landowners have granted easements without compensation  
17 for upstream flood control impoundments under the sponsorship of  
18 Soil and Water Conservation Districts prior to June 10, 1963, to the  
19 extent to which the priority has not been lost in whole or in part  
20 pursuant to Section 105.16 of this title when the same shall have  
21 been perfected as provided by ~~this act~~ Section 105.1 et seq. of this  
22 title and rules ~~and regulations~~ adopted by the Board. Such ~~said~~  
23 priorities shall date from the date of the grant of the easement.  
24 Subsequent to June 10, 1963, those landowners who shall grant

1 easements for such upstream flood control impoundments may acquire a  
2 priority for beneficial use of that water designated as the sediment  
3 pool by complying with paragraph 4 of this subsection ~~B of this~~  
4 ~~section~~.

5 C. When any person might claim a priority under more than one  
6 of the numbered paragraphs of subsection B of this section, he or  
7 she may elect which paragraphs shall control his or her priority  
8 date. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit his  
9 or her electing different priorities under one or more of the  
10 paragraphs of subsection B of this section for different quantities  
11 of water.

12 D. From and after June 10, 1963, the only riparian rights to  
13 the use of water in a definite stream, except water taken for  
14 domestic use, are those which have been adjudicated and recognized  
15 as vested through the proceedings under ~~82 O.S. Supp. 1963, Sections~~  
16 ~~5 and 6~~ Section 105.1 et seq. of this title, orders of the Oklahoma  
17 Water Resources Board entered thereunder which became final, and  
18 those decreed to exist in the Spavinaw, Grand, North Canadian, and  
19 Blue and North Boggy adjudications, all to the extent such rights  
20 have not been lost, in whole or in part, due to nonuse, forfeiture  
21 or abandonment, pursuant to this title.

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

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