

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1326

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to Regional Water Planning Groups;
8 stating public policy; providing for appointment of
9 members; authorizing the Oklahoma Water Resources
10 Board to delineate regions; stating purpose; stating
11 requirements for membership and appointments;
12 providing for funding and administration; authorizing
13 Oklahoma Water Resources Board to promulgate rules
14 and make recommendations; providing for
15 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
18 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

19 A. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this state
20 to implement the recommendations of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water
21 Plan relating to the formation of thirteen (13) Regional Water
22 Planning Groups (RWPG). The RWPG shall be made up of five (5)
23 citizens of each region, as the regional boundaries are delineated
24 by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, to be appointed by the
Governor for a term of six (6) years. Vacancies shall be filled
within sixty (60) days. The Governor shall strive to, within each

1 RWPG, appoint representatives of a broad spectrum of stakeholder
2 interests which may be varied and unique by region but should at all
3 times attempt to broadly represent the water resource needs of all
4 citizens, the environment and the economic needs within the region.

5 The purpose of the RWPG shall be to provide advice to the
6 Oklahoma Water Resources Board and advocacy to the Legislature on
7 all areas of interest relating to water resources within the region.
8 The RWPG may adopt rules governing their meetings and functions as
9 directed by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board but shall have no
10 permitting or administrative functions otherwise given by statute or
11 rule to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

12 B. Funding for the administration and functions of the RWPG
13 shall be otherwise provided by law and shall be administered by and
14 with direction from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

15 C. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is authorized to
16 promulgate rules necessary to create the RWPG and implement the
17 provisions of this act.

18 D. The Oklahoma Water Resources may make specific legislative
19 recommendations as it deems necessary to be delivered to the
20 Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
21 the House of Representatives.

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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