

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1411

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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 membership of the board; authorizing the
10 Governor to make additional appointments of members
11 by certain date; stating residency requirements and
12 qualifications; providing for staggered terms;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

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

18 Section 1085.1. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Water
19 Resources Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consisting of
20 ~~nine (9)~~ fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the Governor, by
21 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall
22 constitute a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality,
23 agency and department of the State of Oklahoma, and exercise by the
24 Board of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed and shall
be held to be an essential governmental function of the State of
Oklahoma. ~~One member shall be appointed for a term of one (1)~~

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

1 more than two members may be selected representing any one of the
2 major types of water use. The Board shall meet at least once each
3 month. The members of the Board may be removed only for cause.
4 Whenever a vacancy shall occur, the Governor shall appoint a
5 qualified person to fill the unexpired term of the vacant office.
6 Each member of the Board upon entering upon his duties shall take
7 and subscribe to the constitutional and statutory oath of office and
8 file the same with the Secretary of State.

9 B. The Board shall organize annually by electing a chairman,
10 vice-chairman, and secretary from the membership of the Board, who
11 shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board.

12 C. The Governor shall appoint with the advice and consent of
13 the Senate, within sixty (60) days following the effective date of
14 this act, six additional members to the Board for a total of fifteen
15 (15) members. The Governor shall appoint members for staggered
16 terms and upon expiration of the initial terms their successors
17 shall be appointed for a full term of seven (7) years. Members
18 appointed pursuant to this act may be eligible to serve one
19 additional full term if so appointed. Four (4) of the new members
20 shall be residents, one each, of the four quadrants of the state as
21 delineated as closely as possible by the intersections of Interstate
22 35 and Interstate 40 and two members shall be appointed at-large.
23 Members appointed pursuant to this act shall have the same
24 qualifications as required by subsection A of this section and the

1 Governor shall strive to represent all water interest groups in
2 making appointments.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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