

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1484

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to water conservation; creating the
7 Water Conservation, Efficiency, Recycling and Reuse
8 Task Force; stating membership; providing for
9 appointments by certain date; providing for travel
10 reimbursement; stating purpose; requiring report by
11 certain date; providing for staffing; providing for
12 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

14 A. There is hereby created the Water Conservation, Efficiency,
15 Recycling and Reuse Task Force to be made up of nine (9) members,
16 three each to be appointed by the Governor, the President Pro
17 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives. All members shall be residents of this state and
19 be knowledgeable of a variety of water uses and interests. Members
20 shall be appointed within thirty (30) days following the effective
21 date of this act. Members shall serve without compensation, but may
22 be eligible for travel reimbursement pursuant to the State Travel
23 Reimbursement Act to be paid by their appointing authority.

1 B. The purpose of the task force is to study water conservation
2 programs in other cities and states, including San Antonio, Texas,
3 and Las Vegas, Nevada, and gather information necessary to make
4 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to implement a
5 program of incentives such as tax credits, zero-interest loans,
6 cost-sharing initiatives, and increasing block rate/tiered water
7 pricing mechanisms to encourage improved irrigation and farming
8 techniques, efficient (green) infrastructure, retrofitting of water-
9 efficient infrastructure, use of water recycling/reuse systems in
10 new buildings, promotion of "smart" irrigation techniques, control
11 of invasive species, artificial recharge of aquifers, and use of
12 marginal quality waters, including treated gray and wastewater.

13 C. The task force shall meet at the call and under the
14 direction of the Secretary of Environment. Staffing and
15 administration needs shall be provided by the Oklahoma Water
16 Resources Board.

17 D. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
18 no later than December 15, 2012.

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

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