

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 87

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Water Resources  
8 Board; amending 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1085.1, as  
9 amended by Section 24, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (82  
10 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 1085.1), which relates to  
11 the membership of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;  
12 requiring certain members be appointed to represent  
13 certain areas of the state; and declaring an  
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1085.1, as  
17 amended by Section 24, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (82 O.S. Supp. 2010,  
18 Section 1085.1), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1085.1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Water  
20 Resources Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consisting of  
21 nine (9) members to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the  
22 advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall constitute a body  
23 corporate and politic and an instrumentality, agency and department  
24 of the State of Oklahoma, and exercise by the 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~~

1 ~~member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; one member~~  
2 ~~shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; one member shall be~~  
3 ~~appointed for a term of three (3) years; one member shall be~~  
4 ~~appointed for a term of four (4) years; one member shall be~~  
5 ~~appointed for a term of five (5) years; two members shall be~~  
6 ~~appointed for a term of six (6) years; and two members shall be~~  
7 ~~appointed for a term of seven (7) years. Upon the expiration of~~  
8 ~~said terms, their successors~~ Members shall be appointed for terms of  
9 seven (7) years. One member shall be appointed from each of the  
10 congressional districts of this state and the remaining members  
11 shall be appointed ~~at large~~ to ensure each quadrant of the state as  
12 separated by the boundaries of Interstate 35 and Interstate 40 in  
13 addition to the metropolitan areas of Tulsa and Oklahoma City are  
14 represented on the Board. However, when congressional districts are  
15 redrawn then each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in  
16 which such modification becomes effective shall complete the current  
17 term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in  
18 which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the  
19 redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in  
20 which such modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn  
21 districts which are not represented by a board member until such  
22 time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented  
23 by a board member. Each member shall be a qualified elector of this  
24 state. At all times the membership of the Board shall have

1 represented on it at least one member well versed in each of the  
2 following major types of water use: recreational, industrial,  
3 irrigational, municipal, rural residential, agricultural and soil  
4 conservation work. Not more than two members may be selected  
5 representing any one of the major types of water use. The Board  
6 shall meet at least once each month. The members of the Board may  
7 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 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 vice-chairman, and secretary from the membership of the Board, who  
15 shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Board.

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

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