

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 25

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution directing utilization of  
8 certain Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations for  
9 certain purpose; requiring Committee to make certain  
10 status reports; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma, the various federally recognized  
12 tribes based in this state and the federal government have long  
13 worked in conjunction to address both jurisdictional and rights  
14 ambiguities through the use of negotiation and cooperative  
15 resolution, often in the form of a compact; and

16 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has been a national leader in compacting to  
17 resolve uncertainty in other jurisdictional areas, including car  
18 tags and tobacco taxes, and that experience could prove helpful  
19 should the state undertake to resolve water jurisdictional issues  
20 through cooperative negotiation; and

21 WHEREAS, authorization of any cooperative agreement involving  
22 the surface water and/or groundwater resources of this state shall  
23 become effective only upon the consent of the Oklahoma Legislature  
24 as required by law.

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
2 OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4           THAT the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of  
5 the House of Representatives shall, by utilizing the members of the  
6 Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations, pursuant to Section 1222  
7 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, work in conjunction with the  
8 Governor to negotiate all relevant water issues with sovereign  
9 nations in this state.

10           THAT the members of the Joint Committee on State-Tribal  
11 Relations shall inform the membership of the Legislature through  
12 reports to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of  
13 the House of Representatives of the ongoing status of negotiations  
14 as often as Committee members deem necessary and appropriate.

15           THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,  
16 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
17 of Representatives.

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