

**SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB996 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Don Armes

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 996

By: Justice and Fields of the  
Senate

7 and

8 Armes of the House

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10 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;  
12 creating the Emergency Drought Relief Fund; stating  
13 purpose of fund; providing for the creation of the  
14 Emergency Drought Commission when certain conditions  
15 are present; providing for expenditures from fund;  
16 setting limitations of fund; requiring fund to be  
17 available for certain drought response activities;  
18 making an appropriation; and providing for  
19 codification.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2250 of Title 27A, unless there  
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund to be known  
as the "Emergency Drought Relief Fund". This fund shall be a  
continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall

1 consist of all monies appropriated to the fund by the Legislature  
2 for the purposes of providing funding for emergency drought relief  
3 activities once a drought emergency has been declared.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2251 of Title 27A, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 In the event of a formal declaration of emergency drought  
8 conditions by the Governor, the Emergency Drought Commission shall  
9 be formed consisting of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma  
10 Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture and the  
11 Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The  
12 Emergency Drought Commission shall determine the expenditures to be  
13 made from the Emergency Drought Relief Fund created in Section 1 of  
14 this act, subject to approval by the Governor. The Emergency  
15 Drought Commission shall also serve as a drought advisory panel to  
16 the Governor and the various state agencies. The activities of the  
17 Emergency Drought Commission shall continue until it is determined  
18 by the Governor that a drought emergency no longer exists in the  
19 state. The Emergency Drought Relief Fund may receive additional  
20 funding from the Legislature, as needed, through the appropriations  
21 process.

22 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2252 of Title 27A, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       The fund shall be available for drought response activities  
2 within the state that may include, but shall not be limited to:  
3       1. Pond cleanup and construction;  
4       2. Water conservation methods in production agriculture;  
5       3. Providing of water for livestock;  
6       4. Rural fire suppression activities as directed by the  
7 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;  
8       5. Red cedar eradication;  
9       6. Soil conservation;  
10       7. Emergency infrastructure conservation and measures; and  
11       8. Any other drought response activities identified by the  
12 Emergency Drought Commission.

13       SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Emergency  
14 Drought Relief Fund from any monies not otherwise appropriated from  
15 the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year  
16 ending June 30, 2014, the sum of Ten Million Dollars  
17 (\$10,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to provide  
18 emergency drought relief under the provisions of this act.

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