

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1562
Page 1 Section 1-3 Lines 15
Of the printed Bill
Of the Engrossed Bill

By adding a new Section 1 through 3 to read as follows:

(See attached)

And by renumbering the subsequent sections.

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Paul Wesselhoft _____

Reading Clerk

1 "SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1088.15 of Title 82, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ample Water for
5 Oklahoma Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1088.16 of Title 82, unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 The Legislature hereby declares that, in order to protect
10 Oklahoma citizens from increased water supply shortages and
11 groundwater depletions in most of the eighty-two watershed planning
12 basins in the state as described in the 2012 Update of the Oklahoma
13 Comprehensive Water Plan, the goal of this state is to assure that
14 Oklahoma has adequate fresh water supplies to meet the needs of a
15 growing population and economy throughout this century. In
16 addition, the state should achieve this goal through utilizing
17 existing water supplies more efficiently and expanding the use of
18 alternatives such as wastewater, brackish water, and other
19 nonpotable supplies. Provided, however, that nothing in the Ample
20 Water for Oklahoma Act shall be construed as amending the provisions
21 of law pertaining to rights or permits to use water and nothing in
22 the Act shall be used to compel water rationing, restrictions or
23 other action not otherwise required by law.

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1088.17 of Title 82, unless
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. There is hereby created an advisory council to be known as
5 the "Ample Water for Oklahoma Advisory Council".

6 B. The Advisory Council shall consist of fifteen (15) members
7 as follows:

8 1. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources
9 Board;

10 2. Four members appointed by the Governor who shall be well
11 versed in municipal, rural residential, and agriculture water uses,
12 as well as water-efficiency practices and technologies;

13 3. Five members, with one member being from each of the
14 congressional districts, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
15 House of Representatives, who shall be well versed in recreation,
16 industrial, oil and gas, and irrigation water uses, as well as water
17 and wastewater reuse practices and technologies; and

18 4. Five members, with one member being from each of the
19 congressional districts, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
20 the Oklahoma State Senate, who shall be well versed in soil
21 conservation, small business, and environmental water interests, as
22 well as marginal quality and brackish water use practices and
23 technologies.

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1 C. Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of their
2 respective appointing authority.

3 D. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
4 shall serve as chair of the Advisory Council, with other officers
5 selected by the Advisory Council as it deems necessary. Meetings of
6 the Advisory Council shall be held at the call of the chair. A
7 majority of the members of the Advisory Council shall constitute a
8 quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right
9 of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the
10 Advisory Council. A vacancy on the Advisory Council shall be filled
11 by the original appointing authority. Staff support for the
12 Advisory Council shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma
13 Water Resources Board. Other state agencies shall provide support
14 and information as requested by the Advisory Council.

15 E. The Advisory Council shall have the following duties and
16 responsibilities:

17 1. Recommend incentives to encourage improved irrigation and
18 farming techniques, more efficient infrastructure, use of water
19 recycling/reuse systems, promotion of "smart" irrigation techniques,
20 control of invasive species, artificial recharge of aquifers and
21 increased use of marginal quality and brackish waters;

22 2. Make recommendations regarding the expansion of education
23 programs that modify and improve consumer water-use habits; and
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1 3. Enhance existing, or develop new, financial assistance
2 programs that encourage Oklahoma water systems to implement leak
3 detection and repair programs that result in reduced loss and waste
4 of water, as well as encourage consolidation and regionalization of
5 smaller systems in order to utilize limited resources most
6 efficiently.

7 F. The Advisory Council shall submit a final report of its
8 findings and recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of the
9 Oklahoma House of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the
10 Oklahoma State Senate no later than three (3) years following the
11 effective date of this act.

12 G. Activities of the Advisory Council shall terminate no later
13 than December 31, 2016.”

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