

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1018

By: Watson of the House

and

Griffin of the Senate

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12                   An Act relating to water and water rights; creating  
13                   the Class 1 Groundwater Aquifer Designation  
14                   Preemption Act; prohibiting the Oklahoma Water  
15                   Resources Board from adopting certain groundwater  
16                   aquifer designations until certain circumstances are  
17                   met; directing the Board to develop criteria,  
18                   procedures and requirements for adoption of certain  
19                   aquifer designations; providing for application and  
20                   purpose; providing for codification; and declaring an  
21                   emergency.

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

23                   SECTION 1.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
24                   in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020.23 of Title 82, unless  
                 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Class 1  
2 Groundwater Aquifer Designation Preemption Act".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020.24 of Title 82, unless  
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall not adopt any  
7 proposed Class I Groundwater Aquifer designations until a formalized  
8 interagency working-group meeting can be held to evaluate the  
9 potential impacts of the aquifer designation as it relates to any  
10 other water quality standards criteria and regulations or to the  
11 permitting process of other water quality standards implementation  
12 agencies.

13 B. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall develop specific  
14 criteria, procedures and requirements for the adoption and  
15 implementation of Class I aquifer designations which shall apply to  
16 any rules adopted by the Board and published under Chapters 30, 35,  
17 45 and 46 and any other applicable chapters in Title 785 of the  
18 Oklahoma Administrative Code, and will allow all interested parties  
19 an adequate opportunity to comment on a pre-existing, known set of  
20 requirements and to evaluate potential impacts and ramifications of  
21 such a designation.

22 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON UTILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
5 REGULATION, dated 02/27/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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