

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 996

By: Justice and Fields of the
Senate

and

Armes, Cockroft and Pittman
of the House

11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 [environment and natural resources - creating the
13 Emergency Drought Relief Fund - creation of the
14 Emergency Drought Commission - drought response
15 activities - making an appropriation - codification]
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19 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

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

23 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund to be known
24 as the "Emergency Drought Relief Fund". This fund shall be a

1 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall
2 consist of all monies appropriated to the fund by the Legislature
3 for the purposes of providing funding for emergency drought relief
4 activities once a drought emergency has been declared.

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

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

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

4 The fund shall be available for drought response activities
5 within the state that may include, but shall not be limited to:

- 6 1. Pond cleanup and construction;
- 7 2. Water conservation methods in production agriculture;
- 8 3. Providing of water for livestock;
- 9 4. Rural fire suppression activities as directed by the
10 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;
- 11 5. Red cedar eradication;
- 12 6. Soil conservation;
- 13 7. Emergency infrastructure conservation and measures; and
- 14 8. Any other drought response activities identified by the
15 Emergency Drought Commission.

16 SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Emergency
17 Drought Relief Fund from any monies not otherwise appropriated from
18 the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year
19 ending June 30, 2014, the sum of Ten Million Dollars
20 (\$10,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to provide
21 emergency drought relief under the provisions of this act.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
24 04/08/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.