

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 3, 2013

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1923

By: DeWitt, Armes, Newell,
Sanders, Biggs, Cockroft
and Pittman of the House

6 and

7 Justice, Fields and Ivester
8 of the Senate

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10 [environment and natural resources - Emergency
11 Drought Relief Fund - Emergency Drought Commission -
12 codification -

emergency]

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14 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

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

18 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a fund to be known
19 as the "Emergency Drought Relief Fund". This fund shall be a
20 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall
21 consist of all monies appropriated to the fund by the Legislature
22 for the purposes of providing funding for emergency drought relief
23 activities once a drought emergency has been declared.

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

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

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

22 The Emergency Drought Relief Fund shall be available for drought
23 response activities within the state that may include but shall not
24 be limited to:

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

11 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
16 April 3, 2013 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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