

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE BILL 2737

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending
8 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1452, which relates to the
9 Scenic Rivers Act; designating the Lower Mountain
10 Fork River, the Lower Little River and the Glover
11 Rivers as scenic river areas; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1452, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1452. A. The Oklahoma Legislature finds that some of
17 the free-flowing streams and rivers of Oklahoma possess such unique
18 natural scenic beauty, water conservation, fish, wildlife and
19 outdoor recreational values of present and future benefit to the
20 people of the state that it is the policy of the Legislature to
21 preserve these areas for the benefit of the people of Oklahoma. For
22 this purpose there are hereby designated certain "scenic river
23 areas" to be preserved as a part of Oklahoma's diminishing resource
24 of free-flowing rivers and streams.

1 B. The areas of the state designated as "scenic river areas"
2 shall include:

3 1. The Flint Creek and the Illinois River above the confluence
4 of the Barren Fork Creek in Cherokee, Adair and Delaware Counties;

5 2. The Barren Fork Creek in Adair and Cherokee Counties from
6 the present alignment of Highway 59 West to the Illinois River;

7 3. The Upper Mountain Fork River above the 600-foot elevation
8 level of Broken Bow Reservoir in McCurtain and LeFlore Counties;

9 4. The Lower Mountain Fork River from the Broken Bow Reservoir
10 spillway downstream to the confluence of the Little River;

11 5. Big Lee's Creek, sometimes referred to as Lee Creek, located
12 in Sequoyah County, above the 420-foot MSL elevation, excluding that
13 portion necessary for a dam to be built in the State of Arkansas
14 with a crest elevation of no more than the 420-foot MSL elevation.
15 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall make such classifications,
16 designations or adjustments to Oklahoma's water quality standards as
17 required to allow the impoundment of water by said dam; ~~and~~

18 ~~5.~~ 6. Little Lee's Creek, sometimes referred to as Little Lee
19 Creek, located in Adair and Sequoyah Counties, beginning
20 approximately four (4) miles east-southeast of Stilwell, Oklahoma,
21 and ending at its conjunction with Big Lee's Creek approximately two
22 (2) miles southwest of Short, Oklahoma;

23 7. The Little River, beginning in southwestern LeFlore County
24 and ending at the Arkansas border in McCurtain County; and

1 8. The Glover Rivers, including both the East Fork and the West
2 Fork, beginning in northwest McCurtain County and ending southeast
3 of Wright City, Oklahoma, in McCurtain County.

4 C. The term "scenic river area" as used in the Scenic Rivers
5 Act is defined as the stream or river and the public use and access
6 areas located within the area designated.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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