

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 2830

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to natural resources; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Natural Resources Code; providing that  
9 certain statute shall be considered part of the Code;  
10 creating the Oklahoma Department of Natural Resources  
11 for the State of Oklahoma; providing for merger of  
12 certain agencies and appropriated funds within the  
13 Oklahoma Department of Natural Resources; providing  
14 for transfer of powers, duties, functions and  
15 responsibilities of the Department of Environmental  
16 Quality to the Oklahoma Department of Natural  
17 Resources; making the Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
18 a division within the Oklahoma Department of Natural  
19 Resources; providing for assumption of certain  
20 powers, duties, functions and responsibilities;  
21 providing for construction of statutory references;  
22 requiring budgetary savings; providing for  
23 codification; providing an effective date; and  
24 declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-101 of Title 47A, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
Natural Resources Code".

1 B. All statutes hereinafter enacted and codified in this title  
2 shall be considered and deemed part of the Oklahoma Natural  
3 Resources Code.

4 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-102 of Title 47A, unless there  
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 There is hereby created the Oklahoma Department of Natural  
8 Resources for the State of Oklahoma.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-103 of Title 47A, unless there  
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. The following agencies and their appropriated funds shall be  
13 merged together and become the Oklahoma Department of Natural  
14 Resources:

- 15 1. The Department of Environmental Quality; and
- 16 2. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

17 B. All powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the  
18 Department of Environmental Quality as set forth in Title 27A of the  
19 Oklahoma Statutes shall be transferred to and assumed by the  
20 Oklahoma Department of Natural Resources.

21 C. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall be referred to as  
22 the Water Resources Division and shall be considered a division of  
23 the Oklahoma Department of Natural Resources. The Oklahoma  
24 Department of Natural Resources shall assume the powers, duties,

1 functions and responsibilities conferred upon the Oklahoma Water  
2 Resources Board and the Water Conservation Storage Commission in  
3 Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 D. The official name of the state agency known as the  
5 Department of Environmental Quality shall be designated in all  
6 future references as the Oklahoma Department of Natural Resources.  
7 Any references in the statutes to the Department of Environmental  
8 Quality shall be deemed references to the Oklahoma Department of  
9 Natural Resources.

10 E. The official name of the state agency known as the Oklahoma  
11 Water Resources Board shall be designated in all future references  
12 as the Water Resources Division within the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Natural Resources. Any references in the statutes to the Oklahoma  
14 Water Resources Board or the Water Conservation Storage Commission  
15 shall be deemed references to the Water Resources Division of the  
16 Oklahoma Department of Natural Resources.

17 F. Each entity the functions and duties of which are  
18 transferred pursuant to the provisions of this section shall take  
19 such actions as are required to achieve a budgetary savings for the  
20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, as a result of the efficiencies  
21 resulting from such transfers and for each fiscal year thereafter.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

23 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

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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