

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 218

By: Coates

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending  
8 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1084.1, which relates to water  
9 use policy; modifying certain uses of water; and  
10 declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1084.1, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1084.1. Whereas the pollution of the waters of this  
15 state constitutes a menace to public health and welfare, creates  
16 public nuisances, is harmful to wildlife, fish and aquatic life, and  
17 impairs domestic, agricultural, industrial, recreational and other  
18 legitimate beneficial uses of water, it is hereby declared to be the  
19 public policy of this state to conserve and utilize the waters of  
20 the state and to protect, maintain and improve the quality thereof  
21 for public water supplies, for the propagation of wildlife, fish and  
22 aquatic life and for domestic, agricultural, industrial which shall  
23 include, but not be limited to, mining and oil and gas exploration,  
24 recreational and other legitimate beneficial uses; and to cooperate

1 with other agencies of this state, agencies of other states and the  
2 federal government in carrying out these objectives.

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

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