

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL 965

By: Marlatt, Fields, Ivester,  
Brecheen, Allen and Boggs  
of the Senate

and

Jackson, Lockhart, Renegar,  
Wright, Hickman and  
Cannaday of the House

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; amending 82 O.S.2011, Section 1085.1, which relates to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board; deleting certain appointment and representation requirements; modifying appointments to the Board based on regional representation; providing for terms providing for immediate transition under certain circumstances; modifying certain qualifications; updating language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1085.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1085.1. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, consisting of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Governor, by and with the

1 advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall constitute a body  
2 corporate and politic and an instrumentality, agency and department  
3 of the State of Oklahoma, and exercise by the Board of the powers  
4 conferred by this act shall be deemed and shall be held to be an  
5 essential governmental function of the State of Oklahoma. ~~One~~  
6 ~~member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; one member~~  
7 ~~shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; one member shall be~~  
8 ~~appointed for a term of three (3) years; one member shall be~~  
9 ~~appointed for a term of four (4) years; one member shall be~~  
10 ~~appointed for a term of five (5) years; two members shall be~~  
11 ~~appointed for a term of six (6) years; and two members shall be~~  
12 ~~appointed for a term of seven (7) years. Upon the expiration of~~  
13 ~~said terms, their successors shall be appointed for terms of seven~~  
14 ~~(7) years. One member shall be appointed from each of the~~  
15 ~~congressional districts of this state and the remaining members~~  
16 ~~shall be appointed at large. However, when congressional districts~~  
17 ~~are redrawn then each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year~~  
18 ~~in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the~~  
19 ~~current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the~~  
20 ~~year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on~~  
21 ~~the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year~~  
22 ~~in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any~~  
23 ~~redrawn districts which are not represented by a board member until~~

1 ~~such time as each of the modified congressional districts are~~  
2 ~~represented by a board member.~~

3 B. Beginning July 1, 2014, the membership of the Board shall  
4 transition from congressional district and at-large representation  
5 to regional representation as follows:

6 1. The Congressional District 1 position expiring in 2014 shall  
7 thereafter be represented by a person residing in Region 7 of the  
8 state which shall consist of Tulsa County;

9 2. The at-large member position expiring in 2014 shall  
10 thereafter be represented by a person residing in Region 4 of the  
11 state which shall consist of Carter, Cleveland, Garvin, Grady,  
12 Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Pontotoc,  
13 Pottawatomie, Seminole and Stephens Counties;

14 3. The Congressional District 2 position expiring in 2015 shall  
15 thereafter be represented by a person residing in Region 8 of the  
16 state which shall consist of Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware,  
17 Mayes, McIntosh, Muskogee, Nowata, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Rogers,  
18 Sequoyah and Wagoner Counties;

19 4. The at-large position expiring in 2016 shall thereafter be  
20 represented by a person residing in Region 9 of the state which  
21 shall consist of Atoka, Bryan, Coal, Choctaw, Haskell, Hughes,  
22 Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg and Pushmataha Counties;

23 5. The Congressional District 4 position expiring in 2017 shall  
24 thereafter be represented by a person residing in Region 2 of the

1 state which shall consist of Alfalfa, Blaine, Canadian, Custer,  
2 Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant, Harper, Kingfisher, Major, Roger  
3 Mills, Woods and Woodward Counties;

4 6. The Congressional District 5 position expiring in 2018 shall  
5 thereafter be represented by a person residing in Region 5 of the  
6 state which shall consist of Oklahoma County;

7 7. The at-large position expiring in 2018 shall represent  
8 Region 3 of the state which shall consist of Beckham, Caddo,  
9 Comanche, Cotton, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman and Washita  
10 Counties;

11 8. The Congressional District 3 position expiring in 2019 shall  
12 thereafter be represented by a person residing in Region 1 of the  
13 state which shall consist of Beaver, Cimarron and Texas Counties;  
14 and

15 9. The at-large member position expiring in 2020 shall  
16 thereafter be represented by a person residing Region 6 of the state  
17 which shall consist of Creek, Kay, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Okfuskee,  
18 Osage, Pawnee, Payne and Washington Counties.

19 C. All members appointed after the effective date of this act  
20 shall be appointed for terms of seven (7) years.

21 D. If a member serving on the Board as of the effective date of  
22 this act resigns or is unable to complete the term of the member,  
23 the seat shall immediately transition to the applicable regional  
24 representation as provided for in subsection B of this section.

1        E. Each member shall be a qualified elector of this state. At  
2 all times the membership of the Board shall have represented on it  
3 at least one member well versed in each of the following major types  
4 of water use: recreational, industrial, irrigational, municipal,  
5 rural residential, agricultural ~~and~~, soil conservation work and oil  
6 and gas production. Not more than two members may be selected  
7 representing any one of the major types of water use. The Board  
8 shall meet at least once each month. The members of the Board may  
9 be removed only for cause. Whenever a vacancy shall occur, the  
10 Governor shall appoint a qualified person to fill the unexpired term  
11 of the vacant office. ~~Each~~ Upon entering, each member of the Board  
12 ~~upon entering upon his duties~~ shall take and subscribe to the  
13 constitutional and statutory oath of office and file the same with  
14 the Secretary of State.

15        ~~B.~~ F. The Board shall organize annually by electing a ~~chairman~~  
16 chair, vice-chairman vice-chair, and secretary from the membership  
17 of the Board, who shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed  
18 by the Board.

19        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

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