

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2446

By: O'Donnell, Vaughan, Brown,  
McBride and Moore of the  
House

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4 and

Newberry of the Senate  
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8 [ waters and water rights - declaring the protection  
9 of the waters of the state to be a compelling state  
10 interest - effective date ]  
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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 1E of Title 82, unless there is  
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the protection of  
19 the waters of the state as defined in Title 82 of the Oklahoma  
20 Statutes is declared to be a compelling state interest subject only  
21 to legislative authority and the regulatory authority granted by the  
22 Legislature to any state agency assigned with the responsibility  
23 within its respective areas of jurisdiction as set forth in Section  
24 1-1-202 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate