

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2446

By: O'Donnell of the House

and

Newberry of the Senate

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12           An Act relating to waters and water rights; declaring  
13           the protection of the waters of the state to be a  
14           compelling state interest; providing for legislative  
          and regulatory authority; providing for codification;  
          and providing an effective date.

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

18           SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
19           in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1E of Title 82, unless there is  
20           created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the protection of  
22           the waters of the state as defined in Title 82 of the Oklahoma  
23           Statutes is declared to be a compelling state interest subject only  
24           to legislative authority and the regulatory authority granted by the

1 Legislature to any state agency assigned with the responsibility  
2 within its respective areas of jurisdiction as set forth in Section  
3 1-1-202 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.  
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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
7 dated 02/24/2016 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.  
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