

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. 1241, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator Brecheen

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☐ Untimely

☐ Amendment Cycle Extended

☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1241

By: Brecheen of the Senate

and

Russ of the House

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[Water - water rights - Oklahoma Water Resources
Board - conservation studies - codification -
noncodification - ~~effective date~~
- 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 1021.1 of Title 82, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Water
Sustainability Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021.2 of Title 82, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature hereby declares that in order to efficiently
utilize and orderly develop the water resources available within

1 each geographic region of this state for the benefit of our
2 citizens, the public policy of this state is to promote and support
3 the planning and development of long-term water projects to achieve
4 this policy through the use of programs and incentives that first
5 seek to maximize the efficient use of water resources available
6 within each region. The Legislature finds that prioritizing efforts
7 to more efficiently develop our state's water resources to meet the
8 needs of all areas within the state is consistent with the
9 provisions of Section 105.12 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
10 Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed as
11 amending the provisions of law pertaining to rights or permits to
12 use water.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021.3 of Title 82, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board may complete studies that
17 will contribute to the implementation of the policy recommendations
18 of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan and identify practical and
19 efficient water resource management options. The Board may
20 contract, based upon the availability of funds, with a private
21 company, nonprofit or academic institution to assist with the
22 studies. The subject of the studies shall include but are not
23 limited to:
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1 1. Addressing Oklahoma's projected water and wastewater
2 infrastructure need between the effective date of this act and 2060
3 by conducting a statewide infrastructure needs assessment, including
4 an assessment of potential water system efficiencies and incentives
5 and reviewing both traditional and nontraditional funding
6 mechanisms;

7 2. Assisting nonregulatory local stakeholders and regional
8 water planning groups in identifying efficiencies, incentives and
9 priorities for long-term solutions to water supply needs;

10 3. Coordinating potential federal, state, tribal, local and
11 corporation partnership opportunities for financing and incentives
12 to develop plans, technical studies and related projects; and

13 4. Identifying innovative solutions to forecasted water
14 shortages with the goal of maintaining water use at current levels
15 through 2060 by considering the initiatives recommended by the Water
16 for 2060 Advisory Council, including the implementation of a
17 statewide water conservation campaign, and continuing the
18 interdisciplinary Produced Water Working Group to identify
19 alternatives and opportunities for the beneficial use of produced
20 water.

21 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1021.4 of Title 82, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall encourage and assist
2 local and regional groups to develop water plans and projects to
3 efficiently maximize the use of water resources within this state,
4 including, but not limited to:

5 1. Voluntary consolidation and regionalization of existing
6 infrastructure and water supplies in order to utilize limited
7 resources most efficiently;

8 2. Maximizing existing reservoirs through activities such as
9 providing financing for raising dams, reallocating existing storage
10 pools and the dredging of reservoirs;

11 3. Increasing water storage and minimizing transportation and
12 evaporative losses of water used for agricultural purposes;

13 4. Managing or augmenting aquifer storage through activities
14 such as the land application or injection of excess fresh, marginal
15 or recycled water; and

16 5. Implementing conservation measures, such as system water
17 loss audits, conservation education programs, technical assistance
18 with long-term planning, water reuse projects and system
19 sustainability projects.

20 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
21 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

22 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is authorized to promulgate
23 rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

24 ~~SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.~~

1 ~~SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
2 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~
3 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
4 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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