

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1546

By: McCortney and Treat of the
Senate

3 and

4 McCall of the House

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6 An Act relating to the Red River Boundary Commission;
7 amending 74 O.S. 2021, Sections 6111 and 6112, which
8 relate to the appointment of the chairperson and
9 report required from Commission; updating statutory
10 references; modifying certain dates; and providing an
11 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 6111, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 6111. The chairperson of the Red River Boundary
16 Commission shall be jointly appointed by the Governor, the President
17 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives from the Commission members identified in ~~Section 1~~
19 ~~of this act~~ Section 6110 of this title, no later than thirty (30)
20 days after ~~the effective date of this act~~ April 28, 2021. The first
21 meeting of the Red River Boundary Commission, as re-created in
22 ~~Section 1 of this act~~ Section 6110 of this title, shall be held at
23 the call of the chairperson but no later than ~~December 31, 2021~~
24 December 31, 2022.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 6112, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6112. A. The Red River Boundary Commission shall confer and act in conjunction with the representatives to be appointed on behalf of the State of Texas for the following purposes:

1. To evaluate the methods, surveys, historical maps, and other information used to establish the boundary line between this state and the State of Texas in the Texoma Area, as such area is defined in the Texoma Area Boundary Agreement;

2. To determine the location of the south bank of the Red River as the bank was located and marked by the United States Army Corps of Engineers before the beginning of construction of Lake Texoma, in accordance with subsection C of Article II of Section 6106 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. To redraw the boundary line between this state and the State of Texas on any real property for which the United States Army Corps of Engineers granted an easement, prior to August 31, 2000, to at least two districts or authorities created under Section 59 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a water pipeline and related facilities in the Texoma Area in order to negate any effects the boundary as it is currently drawn has on property interests associated with such easements in the Texoma Area, and to redraw the

1 boundary on such real property so that there is no net loss of
2 property between either state so as to ensure that the redrawn
3 boundary does not increase the political power or influence of
4 either state, in accordance with:

5 a. the Lake Texoma preconstruction survey of the south
6 bank of the Red River prepared by the United States
7 Army Corps of Engineers, or

8 b. other historical records or documentation of the
9 United States Army Corps of Engineers identifying the
10 location of the south bank of the Red River, if the
11 survey described by subparagraph a of this paragraph
12 is unavailable;

13 4. To hold hearings and conferences in this state and in the
14 State of Texas as necessary to accomplish the purposes of ~~this act~~
15 Section 6110 et seq. of this title; and

16 5. To take other action, alone or in cooperation with the State
17 of Texas or the United States, necessary to accomplish the purposes
18 of ~~this act~~ Section 6110 et seq. of this title.

19 B. No later than ~~January 15, 2022~~ January 15, 2023, the
20 Commission shall report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor,
21 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, and appropriate committees of the Legislature the
23 Commission's findings and recommendations concerning joint action by
24 this state and the State of Texas regarding the amendment of the

1 Texoma Area Boundary Agreement to incorporate the boundary between
2 this state and the State of Texas in the Texoma Area as redrawn. No
3 later than ~~July 30, 2025~~ July 30, 2026, the Commission shall issue a
4 final report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the President
5 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, and appropriate committees of the Legislature.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

8 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2022.

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11 Presiding Officer of the Senate

12 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
13 2022.

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