

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1847

By: Kane

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An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
amending 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, which relates
to the Emergency Drought Commission; expanding
Commission membership; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 2251. In the event of a formal declaration of emergency
drought conditions by the Governor, the Emergency Drought Commission
shall be formed consisting of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma
Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture ~~and~~, the
Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, one member
who resides west of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the Speaker
of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and one member who resides
east of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the President Pro Tempore
of the Oklahoma State Senate. The Emergency Drought Commission
shall determine the expenditures to be made from the Emergency

1 Drought Relief Fund created in Section 1 of this act, subject to
2 approval by the Governor and shall determine the appropriate agency
3 to expend the funds. The Emergency Drought Commission shall also
4 serve as a drought advisory panel to the Governor and the various
5 state agencies. The activities of the Emergency Drought Commission
6 shall continue until it is determined by the Governor that a drought
7 emergency no longer exists in the state.

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

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