

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

HOUSE BILL 1847

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AS INTRODUCED

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  
appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
and one member 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 Drought  
Relief Fund created in Section 1 of this act, subject to approval by  
the Governor and shall determine the appropriate agency to expend

1 the funds. The Emergency Drought Commission shall also serve as a  
2 drought advisory panel to the Governor and the various state  
3 agencies. The activities of the Emergency Drought Commission shall  
4 continue until it is determined by the Governor that a drought  
5 emergency no longer exists in the state.

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

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