

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1807

By: Newton of the House

and

Jech of the Senate

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to water and water rights; amending  
82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, which relates to  
metering of wells; requiring all permit holders to  
utilize certain system for use of water; authorizing  
the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to implement  
certain allocation to encourage conservation after  
certain date; specifying requirements for  
participation; prohibiting excessive use; exempting  
certain wells from provisions; and providing an  
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 1020.19. ~~Upon request of a majority of the landowners  
residing within a basin or subbasin, the~~ A. The Oklahoma Water  
Resources Board is authorized to require that water wells be metered  
and that such meters as the Board shall approve be utilized by the  
applicant and placed under seal, subject to reading by the agents of

1 ~~the Board at any time. The Board may also require that the~~  
2 ~~applicant report the reading of such meters at reasonable intervals~~  
3 shall require all permit holders authorized to take and use  
4 groundwater to implement a system of measuring groundwater usage  
5 from all wells associated with the permit. The Board shall  
6 determine which measurement systems may be utilized, which shall  
7 include, but not be limited to, pump and irrigation monitoring  
8 telemetry devices capable of reporting usage. Such measuring  
9 systems shall be in proper operating condition at all times when  
10 groundwater is being produced. Data from the measuring system shall  
11 be utilized for the annual groundwater use report. The provisions  
12 of this subsection shall not allow the Oklahoma Water Resources  
13 Board to require any type of metering system.

14 B. To encourage groundwater conservation, beginning January 1,  
15 2026, the Board shall provide a five-year flex allocation of  
16 groundwater usage based upon the previously determined allocated  
17 annual use of the basin or subbasin. A five-year flex allocation  
18 shall not require a new permit for existing permit holders. A five-  
19 year flex allocation shall be available for:

20 1. Existing permit holders for groundwater use permits in  
21 basins or subbasins, based upon the maximum annual yield  
22 determination at the time of the original application;  
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1        2. New applicants for groundwater use permits in basins or  
2 subbasins based upon the current maximum annual yield determination;  
3 and

4        3. New and existing applicants and temporary permit holders for  
5 groundwater use permits in basins or subbasins where the maximum  
6 annual yield has yet to be determined.

7        C. An applicant for a five-year flex allocation shall be  
8 required to:

9        1. Submit an annual usage report of the prior year's usage from  
10 a Board-approved water measurement system; and

11        2. Pay the annual groundwater permit fee.

12        D. A five-year flex allocation shall allow the permit holder to  
13 exceed the determined annual allocation in any year of the five-year  
14 allocation; provided, that the applicant shall adhere to the  
15 cumulative annually determined allocation of the basin or subbasin  
16 over the five-year period. The permit holder shall not exceed the  
17 permitted annual allocation by over two hundred percent (200%) in  
18 any of the five (5) years.

19        E. Nothing in this section shall apply to domestic wells.

20        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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