

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 4246

By: Kannady of the House

and

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9 An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending
10 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2-6-103.1, which relates to
contracts for technical assistance programs;
11 authorizing the Department of Environmental Quality
to contract with certain suppliers; authorizing the
12 Department to use a portion of certain funds to
contract with certain parties; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2-6-103.1,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-6-103.1. The Department of Environmental Quality may,
19 to the extent funds are available, contract with the Oklahoma Rural
20 Water Association or qualified state suppliers for technical
21 assistance programs to rural water and wastewater system operators
22 throughout the state. The Department may use a portion of the funds
23 appropriated for grants and assistance programs to rural water and
24 small systems to contract with qualified state suppliers to provide

1 technical assistance programs to rural water and wastewater systems
2 operators throughout the state. Assistance in response to drinking
3 water or wastewater emergencies is also eligible. The Department
4 may contract with other nonprofit entities in addition to the
5 Oklahoma Rural Water Association or qualified state suppliers for
6 this purpose if the Department, in its discretion, determines that
7 those entities can and will provide equally effective and efficient
8 technical assistance services to rural water and wastewater system
9 operators throughout the state.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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