

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 HOUSE BILL 1813

 By: Newton of the House

5 and

6 **Jech** of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to waters and water rights;
11 authorizing the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to
12 enter into memorandums of understanding or contracts
 with certain entities; providing for codification;
 and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1324.27 of Title 82, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 The Oklahoma Water Resources Board may enter into memorandums of
21 understanding or contracts with the Oklahoma Rural Water
22 Association, or with other Oklahoma-based not-for-profit entities
23 that are governed by community water and wastewater systems, and
24 that have an established and proven history of the relevant

1 expertise necessary, to provide technical assistance and training
2 for board members and operators in an effort to provide
3 uninterrupted assistance and services to water and wastewater
4 systems currently providing functioning water and wastewater
5 services to residents of rural areas.

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

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
9 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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