

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 5, 2026

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1509

By: Jech

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6 An Act relating to groundwater use; amending 82 O.S.
7 2021, Section 1020.17, which relates to spacing
8 rules; conforming statutory reference; removing
9 requirement for certain public hearing; authorizing
10 adoption of certain spacing; and providing an
11 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.17, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1020.17. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board may
16 promulgate rules under Article I of the Administrative Procedures
17 Act which establish a proper spacing of wells which, in its
18 judgment, is necessary to an orderly withdrawal of water in relation
19 to the allocation, by regular permits and temporary permits, of
20 water to the land overlying the basin or subbasin. The Board ~~shall~~
21 ~~conduct at least one public hearing at a location within or in close~~
22 ~~proximity to each major basin or subbasin before adopting rules~~
23 ~~establishing well spacing for such basin or subbasin~~ may adopt
24 specific spacing for each basin as part of establishing a maximum
annual yield pursuant to Section 1020.6 of this title.

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

2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
3 February 5, 2026 - DO PASS
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