

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1918

By: Burns

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to groundwater permits; amending 82  
8 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.7, which relates to  
9 groundwater permit applications; requiring certain  
information with application; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.7, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1020.7. Any person intending to use groundwater shall  
16 ~~make application apply to the Oklahoma Water Resources~~ Board for an  
17 appropriate permit as provided in Section 1020.11 of this title  
18 before commencing any drilling for such purposes and before taking  
19 water from any completed well heretofore drilled. Such application  
20 to take and use groundwater shall be on a form provided by the Board  
21 and pursuant to the rules and regulations established by the Board  
22 and shall include documentation that the applicant has a valid,  
23 unexpired driver license issued in this state or a valid United  
24 States passport. The application heretofore filed with the Board

1 shall be used in granting permits for existing wells and the Board  
2 shall publish the notice of the hearing thereon.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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