

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 HOUSE BILL 2115

By: Moore

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; creating  
8 the Oklahoma Water Reclamation Study Act; creating  
9 the Oklahoma Water Reclamation Study Task Force;  
10 making the Task Force advisory; providing for  
11 membership; providing for vacancies, cochairs, and  
12 meetings; stating duties; directing the Task Force to  
13 make recommendations to the Legislature; granting the  
14 Task Force authority to investigate funding sources;  
15 providing for staff assistance and travel  
16 reimbursement; setting termination date; providing  
17 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1711 of Title 82, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
Water Reclamation Study Act".

B. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Water Reclamation Study  
Task Force, which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the  
Oklahoma Legislature.

1 C. The Oklahoma Water Reclamation Study Task Force shall  
2 consist of sixteen (16) members as follows:

3 1. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate to be appointed by  
4 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5 2. Two members who shall be members of the local governing body  
6 of a city or town to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
7 the Senate;

8 3. Two members representing rural water districts within this  
9 state to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

10 4. One member who shall be a member of a city or county  
11 planning commission to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
12 the Senate;

13 5. One member who shall be a resident of a city or town of the  
14 State of Oklahoma to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
15 the Senate;

16 6. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to be  
17 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 7. Two members who shall be members of the local governing body  
19 of a city or town to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives;

21 8. Two members representing rural water districts within this  
22 state to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives; and

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1           9. Two members who shall be rural residents of the State of  
2 Oklahoma to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives.

4           D. Any vacancies created by the resignation of any member shall  
5 be filled by the appointing authority.

6           E. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall name cochairs to serve as  
8 leaders of the Task Force. The Task Force shall be authorized to  
9 meet at such times as may be required in order to fulfill the duties  
10 imposed upon the Task Force by law.

11           F. The duties of the Task Force shall be, but is not limited  
12 to, the following:

13           1. Conducting in-depth reviews of drinking water and wastewater  
14 issues, surface water rights, regulatory requirements,  
15 infrastructure needs, funding sources, planning, information  
16 gathering, regionalization, territorial disputes and rate disputes;

17           2. Discover the best practices available to provide for the  
18 water needs of Oklahoma citizens, agriculture, energy, manufacturing  
19 and all other water uses in the future; and

20           3. Conduct in-depth review of water regulations, laws and  
21 treaties and compacts.

22           G. The Task Force shall make recommendations to the Legislature  
23 as it deems necessary.

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1 H. The Task Force shall have authority to explore and  
2 investigate funding sources for any activity or purpose necessary to  
3 accomplish its goals, including, but not limited to, public grants  
4 and donations from either public or private sources, and may make  
5 recommendations to the Legislature regarding such funding sources.

6 I. The House of Representatives, the Senate, the Oklahoma Water  
7 Resources Board and any state agency as requested shall provide  
8 staff assistance necessary for the Task Force to perform its  
9 functions.

10 J. Members of the Task Force may be reimbursed for actual and  
11 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
12 official duties as a member of the Task Force by the appointing  
13 authority in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel  
14 Reimbursement Act. Legislative members may be reimbursed pursuant  
15 to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

16 K. The activities and operations of the Task Force shall  
17 terminate no later than December 31, 2018.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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