

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2142

By: Sneed of the House

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7 An Act relating to a Tri-State Commission on the
8 McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System;
9 providing for membership from Oklahoma; imposing
10 duties and responsibilities; providing for
11 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1142 of Title 82, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created the Tri-State Commission on the
17 McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS). It is
18 anticipated that the State of Arkansas and the State of Kansas will
19 enact legislation in order to complete the formation of the
20 Commission.

21 B. The Oklahoma membership of the Tri-State Commission shall be
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1 1. One member appointed by the Governor who shall be a member
2 of the Water Advisory Board of the Oklahoma Department of
3 Transportation;

4 2. Three members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives whose
5 legislative districts encompass some part of the territory in which
6 the MKARNS is located to be formally selected by the Speaker of the
7 Oklahoma House of Representatives; and

8 3. Three members of the Oklahoma State Senate whose legislative
9 districts encompass some part of the territory in which the MKARNS
10 is located to be formally selected by the President Pro Tempore of
11 the Oklahoma State Senate.

12 C. The Tri-State Commission shall have the following duties:

13 1. To identify the resources available at the federal and state
14 levels for the proper maintenance of the physical assets which allow
15 the MKARNS to fulfill its duties and responsibilities;

16 2. To identify methods for the repair, replacement or
17 maintenance of the infrastructure assets which are essential to the
18 operation of the MKARNS;

19 3. To prioritize the funding, whether from the federal
20 government, state government, tribal governments, private resources
21 or other financial resources, in order to adequately maintain the
22 MKARNS;

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1 4. To take such actions as may be necessary to promote the
2 MKARNS and its continued role in the economies of the states of
3 Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas;

4 5. To take such actions as are conducive to the continued use
5 and enhanced use of the MKARNS by for-profit business enterprises in
6 order to reduce transportation costs, improve profit margins,
7 increase efficiency and related economic benefits;

8 6. To take such actions as are conducive to the continued vital
9 role of the MKARNS with respect to flood control in the three
10 affected states;

11 7. To take such actions as are conducive to the promotion of
12 the MKARNS for purposes of tourism and cultural preservation; and

13 8. To take such other actions as may be necessary which in the
14 judgment of the Tri-State Commission would be beneficial for the
15 three affected states and for the MKARNS.

16 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2019.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2019.

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