

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 10, 2019

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE
5 BILL NO. 2142

6 By: Sneed of the House

7 and

8 David of the Senate

9 **[Tri-State Commission on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas
10 River Navigation System - membership - codification -**

11 **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
22 as follows:

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, **provided that, whenever possible,**
8 **no more than two members shall be appointed from the same political**
9 **party;** and

10 3. Three members of the Oklahoma State Senate whose legislative
11 districts encompass some part of the territory in which the MKARNS
12 is located to be formally selected by the President Pro Tempore of
13 the Oklahoma State Senate, **provided that, whenever possible, no more**
14 **than two members shall be appointed from the same political party.**

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

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

19 2. To identify methods for the repair, replacement or
20 maintenance of the infrastructure assets which are essential to the
21 operation of the MKARNS;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
23 April 10, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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