

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 HOUSE BILL 2797

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to waters and water rights; directing
8 Grand River Dam Authority to promulgate rules and
9 procedures relating to the beneficial removal of
10 gravel from the Barren Fork Creek and Illinois River;
11 requiring state and federal permitting; providing for
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 896.17 of Title 82, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 The Grand River Dam Authority shall promulgate rules and
18 procedures to allow for the beneficial removal of gravel from the
19 Illinois River system and the Barren Fork Creek system in eastern
20 Oklahoma. These rules shall provide for the beneficial removal of
21 gravel in areas of the river systems where it has collected in
22 overabundance creating a shifting and less than ideal river channel.
23 The removal of gravel shall be subject to all applicable state and
24 federal permitting relating to such removal from navigable waters

1 and waters of the United States. State permits for the removal of
2 gravel from the Illinois River and Barren Fork Creek systems shall
3 be issued by the State Department of Mines.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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