STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3193   By: Newton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to water and water rights; amending
82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.17, which relates to
spacing rules; providing additional spacing rules for
water wells; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1.   AMENDATORY   82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.17, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 1020.17 A. 1. Within bedrock groundwater basins or

subbasins, no new or proposed well(s) shall be permitted to be

drilled and completed within one thousand three hundred twenty

(1,320) feet of a permitted existing well or proposed well location

on lands of another; provided, that the well on lands of another is

capable of taking water from the same basin.

2. Within alluvium and terrace groundwater basins or subbasins,

no new or proposed well(s) shall be authorized to be drilled and

completed within six hundred sixty (660) feet of a permitted

existing well or proposed well location on lands of another;

provided, that the well on lands of another is capable of taking water from the same basin.

B. No new or proposed well(s) shall be authorized to be drilled and completed within three hundred (300) feet of the property boundary of the land on which the well(s) are to be located.

C. The Water Resource Board may promulgate rules under Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act which establish a proper spacing of wells which, in its judgment, is necessary to an orderly withdrawal of water in relation to the allocation, by regular permits and temporary permits, of water to the land overlying the basin or subbasin. The Board shall conduct at least one public hearing at a location within or in close proximity to each major basin or subbasin before adopting rules establishing well spacing for such basin or subbasin.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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