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8 A Joint Resolution relating to waters and water  
9 rights; creating the Water Reclamation Study Task  
10 Force; providing termination date; stating purpose of  
11 the Task Force; providing for membership; providing  
12 date for appointments and organizational meeting;  
13 providing for selection of officers; stating duties;  
14 providing for meetings; allowing for travel  
15 reimbursement contingent upon funding; providing for  
16 staff and technical assistance; requiring completion  
17 of the study by a certain date; providing for  
18 submission of the recommendations of the Task Force;  
19 providing for noncodification; and providing an  
20 effective date.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE  
1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2015, the "Water  
Reclamation Study Task Force". The purpose of the Task Force shall  
be to study all areas of water resources and management including,

1 but not limited to, waste-water treatment, water distribution, water  
2 law, compacts with tribes and other states and new technologies.  
3 The objective of the study shall be to discover the best means of  
4 providing for the water and wastewater needs for the citizens of  
5 Oklahoma and to make recommendations regarding the fifty-year water  
6 resources and management plan.

7 B. The Task Force shall consist of twenty (20) members as  
8 follows:

9 1. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources  
10 Board;

11 2. Three members appointed by the Governor who shall be well  
12 versed in municipal, rural residential, and agricultural water uses,  
13 as well as water-efficiency practices and technologies;

14 3. Five members, with one member being from each of the  
15 congressional districts, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma  
16 House of Representatives, who shall be well versed in recreation,  
17 industrial, oil and gas, and irrigation water uses, as well as water  
18 and wastewater reuse practices and technologies;

19 4. Five members, with one member being from each of the  
20 congressional districts, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
21 the Oklahoma State Senate, who shall be well versed in soil  
22 conservation, small business, and environmental water interests, as  
23 well as marginal quality and brackish water use practices and  
24 technologies;

1       5. The Attorney General, or a designee; and

2       6. Five members, with one member being from each of the  
3 congressional districts, appointed by the Secretary of State, who  
4 are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe located in the  
5 state.

6       C. Appointment to the Task Force shall be made within thirty  
7 (30) days after the effective date of this resolution. The members  
8 of the Task Force shall select a chair and vice-chair at the first  
9 meeting of the Task Force. The Task Force shall conduct an  
10 organizational meeting not later than sixty (60) days after the  
11 effective date of this resolution.

12       D. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet at such times as  
13 may be required in order to fulfill the duties imposed upon the Task  
14 Force by law. Members of the Task Force may be reimbursed for their  
15 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their  
16 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act  
17 contingent upon the availability of public or private funds.

18       E. Administrative staff and technical assistance for the Task  
19 Force shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma Water Resources  
20 Board.

21       F. The Task Force shall complete its study not later than  
22 December 31, 2015. The Task Force shall submit its recommendations  
23 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
24 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

1 SECTION 2. This resolution shall become effective September 1,  
2 2015.

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