

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 937

By: Bergstrom

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to water and water rights; amending  
7 82 O.S. 2011, Section 861, which relates to Grand  
8 River Dam Authority; modifying designation of certain  
land and water; and providing a provisional effective  
date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 861, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 861. There is hereby created within the State of  
15 Oklahoma a conservation and reclamation district to be known as  
16 "Grand River Dam Authority", hereinafter called the district, and  
17 consisting of that part of the State of Oklahoma which is included  
18 within the boundaries of the Counties of Adair, Cherokee, Craig,  
19 Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Osage, Pawnee, Payne, Lincoln,  
20 Logan, Tulsa, Wagoner, Sequoyah, Haskell, Latimer, Pittsburg,  
21 McIntosh, Creek, Okmulgee, Nowata, Washington and Rogers. Such  
22 district shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a governmental  
23 agency of the State of Oklahoma, body politic and corporate, with  
24 powers of government and with the authority to exercise the rights,

1 privileges and functions hereinafter specified, including the  
2 control, storing, preservation and distribution of the waters of the  
3 Grand River and its tributaries, for irrigation, power and other  
4 useful purposes and reclamation and irrigation of arid, semiarid and  
5 other lands needing irrigation, and the conservation and development  
6 of the forests, minerals, land, water and other resources and the  
7 conservation and development of hydroelectric power and other  
8 electrical energy, from whatever source derived, of the State of  
9 Oklahoma.

10 Nothing in this act or in any other act or law contained,  
11 however, shall be construed as authorizing the district to levy or  
12 collect taxes or assessments, or to create any indebtedness payable  
13 out of the taxes or assessments, or in any manner to pledge the  
14 credit of the State of Oklahoma, or any subdivision thereof.

15 All that body of land and the water impounded above the  
16 Pensacola Dam, Pensacola Project, shall be hereafter designated and  
17 known as "Grand Lake O'The Cherokees". All that body of land and  
18 the water impounded above Robert S. Kerr Dam, Markham Ferry Project,  
19 shall be hereafter designated and known as ~~"Lake Hudson"~~ "Lake  
20 Markham". All that body of land and the water impounded above  
21 Chimney Rock Dam, Salina Pumped-Storage Project, shall be designated  
22 and known as "W. R. Holway Reservoir"

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1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective in accordance with  
2 the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma  
3 Constitution.

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