

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1048

By: Sterling

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9 An Act relating to eminent domain; proscribing the  
10 taking of groundwater rights by eminent domain;  
11 providing consent exception; 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 19 of Title 27, unless there is  
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Groundwater rights shall not be subject to or taken by eminent  
18 domain proceedings unless the owner of the groundwater right  
19 expressly consents to the right being included in an eminent domain  
20 proceeding.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
24 dated 02/20/2019 - DO PASS, As Amended.