

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

HOUSE BILL 2474

By: McCall

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to water; amending 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1085.10, which relates to Oklahoma Water Resources Board procedures; directing all applications be disclosed on a website; requiring public notice; requiring certain rule promulgations; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1085.10, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1085.10 A. In the exercise of all powers and performance of all duties provided in ~~this act~~ Sections 1085.1 through 1085.30a of this title, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall comply with the procedures provided in the Administrative Procedures Act. Appeals shall be taken as provided in ~~said act~~ the Administrative Procedures Act. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board may designate a hearing examiner or examiners who shall have the power and authority to conduct such hearings in the name of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board at any time and place subject to the

1 provisions of this section and any applicable rules, regulations or
2 orders of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

3 B. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall publish on a
4 central disclosure website all applications for projects the Board
5 receives. The website publishing requirement is in addition to, and
6 not in lieu of, the requirement for applicants to publish notice in
7 the newspaper. In addition, a minimum of thirty (30) days' public
8 notice shall be given before official action is taken on such
9 applications. Notice shall be posted to allow the public to review
10 proposed projects that may affect individual interests.

11 C. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall promulgate rules
12 that establish specific days or dates required for hearings and
13 public comments. The aforementioned dates shall be made available
14 on the public disclosure website.

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

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