

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1847

By: Kane and Kerbs of the House  
and  
Green of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to environment and natural resources;  
7 amending 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, which relates  
8 to the Emergency Drought Commission; expanding  
9 Commission membership; and declaring an emergency.

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 2251. In the event of a formal declaration of emergency  
14 drought conditions by the Governor, the Emergency Drought Commission  
15 shall be formed consisting of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma  
16 Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture ~~and~~, the  
17 Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, one member  
18 who resides west of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the Speaker  
19 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and one member who resides  
20 east of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
21 of the Oklahoma State Senate. The Emergency Drought Commission  
22 shall determine the expenditures to be made from the Emergency  
23 Drought Relief Fund created in Section ~~4~~ 2250 of this ~~act~~ title,  
24 subject to approval by the Governor and shall determine the

1 appropriate agency to expend the funds. The Emergency Drought  
2 Commission shall also serve as a drought advisory panel to the  
3 Governor and the various state agencies. The activities of the  
4 Emergency Drought Commission shall continue until it is determined  
5 by the Governor that a drought emergency no longer exists in the  
6 state.

7 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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