

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3194

By: Newton of the House

and

Howard of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to water and water rights; amending
8 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, which relates to
9 metering of wells; providing that the Oklahoma Water
10 Resources Board require certain meters for water
11 wells; providing measuring requirements; requiring
12 data from the measuring system to be utilized for the
13 annual groundwater use report; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1020.19 A. ~~Upon request of a majority of the~~
19 ~~landowners residing within a basin or subbasin, the Board is~~
20 ~~authorized to require that water wells be metered and that such~~
21 ~~meters as the Board shall approve be utilized by the applicant and~~
22 ~~placed under seal, subject to reading by the agents of the Board at~~
23 ~~any time.~~ The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall require that all
24 water wells requiring a permit to take and use groundwater from the
Oklahoma Water Resources Board be equipped with water well flow
meters or an alternative measuring system as defined by the Board.

1 Such measuring systems shall remain on the well and be in proper
2 operating condition at all times when groundwater is being produced.
3 Data from the measuring system shall be utilized for the annual
4 groundwater use report. The Board may also require that the
5 applicant report the reading of such meters or alternative measuring
6 system at reasonable intervals.

7 B. Beginning January 1, 2025, a five-year allocation of the
8 maximum annual yield of the basin or subbasin may be approved for a
9 regular permit. An applicant for a five-year allocation shall be
10 required to submit annual usage as determined by a water well flow
11 meter and pay the annual permit fee. If approved by the Board, the
12 applicant may exceed the maximum annual yield in any year of the
13 five-year allocation; provided, the applicant shall adhere to the
14 cumulative maximum annual yield for the basin or subbasin over the
15 five-year period.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2024.

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5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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