

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 10, 2023

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1847

By: Kane and Kerbs of the House

and

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

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

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

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

1 Drought Relief Fund created in Section ~~±~~ 2250 of this ~~act~~ title,
2 subject to approval by the Governor and shall determine the
3 appropriate agency to expend the funds. The Emergency Drought
4 Commission shall also serve as a drought advisory panel to the
5 Governor and the various state agencies. The activities of the
6 Emergency Drought Commission shall continue until it is determined
7 by the Governor that a drought emergency no longer exists in the
8 state.

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
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