

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 28, 2024

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 3194

6 By: Newton of the House

7 and

8 Howard of the Senate

9 **[ water and water rights - metering of wells -  
10 measuring requirements - groundwater use report -  
11 effective date ]**

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

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
17 March 28, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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