

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 851

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to water and water rights; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1702 of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A "basin integrity study" means a scientific study to determine sustainable instream flow regimes tailored for certain basins in certain seasons in this state. Results of such studies shall meet the demand of consumptive and nonconsumptive uses including, but not limited to, sustainable growth, water quality, tourism, economic development, agricultural, environmental, industrial, and municipal.

A basin integrity study shall not be construed as a means to revoke private water rights or interfere with senior water permitting.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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