

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1008

6 By: Murdock

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to water and water rights; amending
9 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, which relates to
10 metering of wells; requiring all permit holders to
11 utilize certain system for use of water; authorizing
12 the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to implement
13 certain allocation to encourage conservation after
14 certain date; specifying requirements for
15 participation; prohibiting excessive use; exempting
16 certain wells from provisions; and providing an
17 effective date.

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

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

21 Section 1020.19. ~~Upon request of a majority of the landowners~~
22 ~~residing within a basin or subbasin, the Board is authorized to~~
23 ~~require that water wells be metered and that such meters as the~~
24 ~~Board shall approve be utilized by the applicant and placed under~~
~~seal, subject to reading by the agents of the Board at any time.~~
~~The Board may also require that the applicant report the reading of~~
~~such meters at reasonable intervals.~~

1 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall require all permit
2 holders authorized to take and use groundwater to implement a system
3 of measuring groundwater usage from all wells associated with the
4 permit. The Board shall determine which measurement systems may be
5 utilized, which shall include, but not be limited to, pump and
6 irrigation monitoring telemetry devices capable of reporting usage.
7 Such measuring systems shall be in proper operating conditions at
8 all times when groundwater is being produced. Data from the
9 measuring system shall be utilized for the annual groundwater use
10 report.

11 B. To encourage groundwater conservation, beginning January 1,
12 2026, the Board shall provide a five-year flex allocation of
13 groundwater usage based off the previously determined allocated
14 annual use of the basin or subbasin. A five-year flex allocation
15 shall not require a new permit for existing permit holders. A five-
16 year flex allocation shall be available for:

17 1. Existing permit holders for groundwater use permits in
18 basins or subbasins, based upon the maximum annual yield
19 determination at the time of the original application;

20 2. New applicants for groundwater use permits in basins or
21 subbasins based upon the current maximum annual yield determination;
22 and

1 3. New and existing applicants and temporary permit holders for
2 groundwater use permits in basins or subbasins where the maximum
3 annual yield has yet to be determined.

4 C. An applicant for a five-year flex allocation shall be
5 required to:

6 1. Submit an annual usage report of the prior year's usage from
7 a Board-approved water measurement system; and

8 2. Pay the annual groundwater permit fee.

9 D. A five-year flex allocation shall allow the permit holder to
10 exceed the determined annual allocation in any year of the five-year
11 allocation; provided, that the applicant shall adhere to the
12 cumulative annually determined allocation of the basin or subbasin
13 over the five-year period. The permit holder shall not exceed the
14 permitted annual allocation by over two hundred percent (200%) in
15 any of the five years.

16 E. Nothing in this section shall apply to domestic wells.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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