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Bill Analysis

SB 914 creates the Oklahoma Regional Water District Act. The measure directs the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to designate geographic areas as regional water districts. Such districts shall develop regional water plans by July 1, 2026. The Board shall consider certain geographic factors as well as political subdivision boundaries when designating such areas. The Board shall also designate a representative to serve as the coordinating body as well as an administrative representative to such an area no later than 60 days after creating the district. The regional water plan must for the orderly development, management, and conservation of water resources as well as preparation for drought conditions. The measure outlines the minimum content for such plans.

Representatives shall hold at least 1 public meeting at a central location within the district after the plan is developed. The plan shall also be submitted to the Board to determine if it meets the minimum requirements outlined in the measure. The Board shall act as a mediator between different districts if interregional conflict exists between 2 or more districts. Districts shall submit the completed plan to the Board for approval no later than 1 year prior to the upcoming decennial update of the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan. The measure directs the Board to take all necessary steps to receive federal assistance.

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