

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 998

By: Murdock

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to water and water rights; amending  
8 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1020.1, as amended by Section  
9 1, Chapter 261, O.S.L. 2018 (82 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
10 Section 1020.1), which relates to definitions;  
11 modifying definition; and providing an effective  
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 1020.1, as  
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 261, O.S.L. 2018 (82 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
16 Section 1020.1), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1020.1. As used in Section 1020.1 et seq. of this  
18 title:

19 1. "Groundwater" means fresh water and marginal water under the  
20 surface of the earth regardless of the geologic structure in which  
21 it is standing or moving outside the cut bank of any definite  
22 stream;

23 2. "Domestic use" means the use of water by a natural  
24 individual or by a family or household for household purposes, for  
25 farm and domestic animals up to the normal grazing capacity of the

1 land and for the irrigation of land not exceeding a total of three  
2 (3) acres in area for the growing of gardens, orchards and lawns,  
3 and for such other purposes, specified by Board rules, for which de  
4 minimis amounts are used;

5 3. "Major groundwater basin" shall mean a distinct underground  
6 body of water overlain by contiguous land and having substantially  
7 the same geological and hydrological characteristics and from which  
8 groundwater wells yield at least fifty (50) gallons per minute on  
9 the average basinwide if from a bedrock aquifer and at least one  
10 hundred fifty (150) gallons per minute on the average basinwide if  
11 from an alluvium or alluvium and terrace aquifer, or as otherwise  
12 designated by the Board;

13 4. "Subbasin" means a subdivision of a major or minor  
14 groundwater basin overlain by contiguous land and having  
15 substantially the same geological and hydrological characteristics  
16 and yield capabilities;

17 5. "Board" means the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;

18 6. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership,  
19 association, corporation including, but not limited to, a limited  
20 liability company or foreign corporation, business trust, federal  
21 agency, state agency, the state or any political subdivision  
22 thereof, municipalities, and any other legal entities;

23 7. "Fresh water" means water which has less than five thousand  
24 (5,000) parts per million total dissolved solids. For the purpose  
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1 of Section 1020.1 et seq. of this title all other water is salt  
2 water;

3 8. "Commercial drilling", "commercial plugging" and "commercial  
4 installation" mean drilling or plugging and installation as a  
5 business, trade or occupation for compensation;

6 9. "Minor groundwater basin" means a distinct underground body  
7 of water overlain by contiguous land and having substantially the  
8 same geological and hydrological characteristics and which is not a  
9 major groundwater basin; and

10 10. "Marginal water" means water which has at least five  
11 thousand (5,000) and less than ten thousand (10,000) parts per  
12 million total dissolved solids.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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