

Bill Summary
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 998
Version:	CS
Request No.:	1885
Author:	Sen. Murdock
Date:	03/04/2019

Committee Substitute (CS)

The CS for SB 998 creates the Groundwater Irrigation District Act. The CS authorizes permit holders of groundwater in a proposed groundwater district to create a district, provided at least 8% of the owners approve of the district's creation. The district shall be comprised of a county and/or an adjacent county, but may only contain permit holders willing to participate in the district. The district shall be created via a circulated petition signed by qualifying holders. The board of county commissioners shall verify the authenticity of each signature.

If the requirements are met, the board shall declare the establishment of the district and its governing board. The board of county commissioners will assign three members representing groundwater irrigation users within the county to the governing board of the district. This initial, governing board shall adopt the bylaws governing the board in the future. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is directed to promulgate rules implementing the provisions of this measure.

Prepared by: Kalen Taylor