

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 1010

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Scenic Rivers Act; amending 82 O.S. 2021, Section 896.5, which relates to scenic river area designation; providing designation for certain waters; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 896.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 896.5. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Legislature finds that certain free-flowing streams and rivers of Oklahoma possess such unique natural scenic beauty, water, fish, wildlife, and outdoor recreational values of present and future benefit to the people of the state that it is the policy of the Legislature to preserve these areas for the benefit of the people of Oklahoma. For this purpose, the following are hereby designated as scenic rivers:

1. The Flint Creek in Delaware County;
2. The Illinois River in Adair, Delaware and Cherokee Counties above its confluence with the Barren Fork Creek;

1           3. The Barren Fork Creek in Adair and Cherokee Counties from  
2 the present alignment of U.S. Highway 59 ~~West~~ west to its confluence  
3 with the Illinois River;

4           4. The Upper Mountain Fork River above the ~~600-foot~~ six-  
5 hundred-foot elevation level of Broken Bow Reservoir in McCurtain  
6 and ~~LeFlore~~ Le Flore Counties;

7           5. Big Lee Creek in Sequoyah County, above the ~~420-foot~~ four-  
8 hundred-twenty-foot MSL elevation; ~~and~~

9           6. Little Lee Creek in Adair and Sequoyah Counties;

10          7. The Glover River in McCurtain County; and

11          8. The Kiamichi River in Le Flore, Choctaw, and Pushmataha  
12 Counties.

13          SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

14          SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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