

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 133

By: Burns

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to groundwater permits; defining terms; establishing moratorium on issuance of certain groundwater permits; prescribing study to be conducted on certain groundwater basins; specifying terms of moratorium; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1022 of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Basin" means a major groundwater basin or minor groundwater basin as defined in Section 1020.1 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. "Domestic use" means domestic use as defined in Section 1020.1 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. A moratorium is hereby established on the issuance of any regular, temporary, or special permit for groundwater use, other than for domestic use. Except as provided for in this section, no

1 permit may be issued for the use of groundwater from any basin in
2 this state until the Oklahoma Water Resources Board completes a
3 hydrological study and approves a maximum annual yield for a
4 particular basin that will ensure that any permit for the removal of
5 water from the groundwater basin will not reduce the natural flow of
6 water from springs or streams emanating from the basin. Once the
7 study and determination of maximum annual yield is completed, the
8 Board may resume the issuance of groundwater permits for such basin.

9 C. 1. The provisions of this section shall be applicable to
10 any groundwater permit application for which no final adjudication
11 has been made by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board before the
12 effective date of this act.

13 2. Any revalidation of a temporary permit in effect upon the
14 effective date of this act shall be considered a new permit
15 application and subject to the provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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