

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE BILL 1544

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to water conservation; requiring  
8 Oklahoma Water Resources Board promulgate rules for  
9 commercial water well spacing; requiring rules be  
10 tailored by region; detailing requirements of  
11 regulations; requiring one staff member per region;  
12 providing for codification; and providing an  
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1020.24 of Title 82, unless  
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall promulgate rules  
19 establishing standard spacing requirements per region for commercial  
20 water wells within this state. The rules shall account for the  
21 unique geological and hydrological conditions of the nine (9)  
22 recognized regions of the state pursuant to the regions established  
23 in Section 1085.1 of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
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1 B. The Board shall develop and implement spacing regulations  
2 tailored to each region, that shall include, but may not be limited  
3 to:

- 4 1. Groundwater availability and recharge rates;
- 5 2. Impacts on existing wells and aquifers;
- 6 3. Regional water demands, including agricultural, industrial,  
7 and municipal needs.

8 C. The Board shall assign one staff member to each of the nine  
9 (9) regions to oversee compliance with well-spacing regulations.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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