

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1807

By: Newton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to waters and water rights; amending 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, which relates to metering of wells; providing that the Oklahoma Water Resources Board require certain meters for water wells; providing measuring requirements; requiring data from the measuring system to be utilized for the annual groundwater use report; authorizing approval of allocation of annual yield of basins or subbasins; providing application requirements and annual permit fee; authorizing applicants to exceed annual yields upon approval by the Board; providing an exception; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1020.19, is amended to read as follows:

~~Section 1020.19. Upon request of a majority of the landowners residing within a basin or subbasin, the Board is authorized to require that water wells be metered and that such meters as the Board shall approve be utilized by the applicant and placed under seal, subject to reading by the agents of the Board at any time.~~

A. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board shall require that all water wells requiring a permit to take and use groundwater from the

1 Oklahoma Water Resources Board be equipped with water well flow  
2 meters or an alternative measuring system as defined by the Board.  
3 Such measuring systems shall remain on the well and be in proper  
4 operating condition at all times when groundwater is being produced.  
5 Data from the measuring system shall be utilized for the annual  
6 groundwater use report. The Board may also require that the  
7 applicant report the reading of such meters or alternative measuring  
8 systems at reasonable intervals.

9 B. Beginning January 1, 2026, a five-year allocation of the  
10 maximum annual yield of the basin or subbasin may be approved for a  
11 regular permit. An applicant for a five-year allocation shall be  
12 required to submit annual usage as determined by a water well flow  
13 meter and pay the annual permit fee. If approved by the Board, the  
14 applicant may exceed the maximum annual yield in any year of the  
15 five-year allocation; provided, the applicant shall adhere to the  
16 cumulative maximum annual yield for the basin or subbasin over the  
17 five-year period.

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

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