An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2446

By: O'Donnell, Vaughan, Brown, McBride and Moore of the House

and

Newberry and Fields of the Senate

An Act relating to waters and water rights; declaring the protection of the waters of the state to be a compelling state interest; providing for legislative and regulatory authority; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Waters and water rights

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 1E of Title 82, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the protection of the waters of the state as defined in Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes is declared to be a compelling state interest subject only to legislative authority and the regulatory authority granted by the Legislature to any state agency assigned with the responsibility within its respective areas of jurisdiction as set forth in Section 1-1-202 of Title 27A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 20th day of April, 2016.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 16th

day of May, 2016, at 2:57 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 17th

day of May, 2016, at 3:40 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 17th

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By: Chris Benge