An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1847

By: Kane and Kerbs of the House

and

Green of the Senate

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; amending 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, which relates to the Emergency Drought Commission; expanding Commission membership; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Environment and natural resources

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2021, Section 2251, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2251. In the event of a formal declaration of emergency drought conditions by the Governor, the Emergency Drought Commission shall be formed consisting of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture ~~and~~, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, one member who resides west of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and one member who resides east of Interstate 35 (I-35), appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate. The Emergency Drought Commission shall determine the expenditures to be made from the Emergency Drought Relief Fund created in Section ~~1~~ 2250 of this ~~act~~ title, subject to approval by the Governor and shall determine the appropriate agency to expend the funds. The Emergency Drought Commission shall also serve as a drought advisory panel to the Governor and the various state agencies. The activities of the Emergency Drought Commission shall continue until it is determined by the Governor that a drought emergency no longer exists in the state.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 18th day of April, 2023.

Brent Howard
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 19th day of April, 2023, at 3:32 o'clock p. M.

By: Summer Cuing

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 21st day of April, 2023, at 2:36 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 21st day of April, 2023, at 4:16 o'clock P. M.

By: Brian Bingman