STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO. 937     By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to water and water rights; amending 82 O.S. 2011, Section 861, which relates to Grand River Dam Authority; modifying designation of certain land and water; and providing a provisional effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2011, Section 861, is amended to read as follows:

Section 861. There is hereby created within the State of Oklahoma a conservation and reclamation district to be known as "Grand River Dam Authority", hereinafter called the district, and consisting of that part of the State of Oklahoma which is included within the boundaries of the Counties of Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Osage, Pawnee, Payne, Lincoln, Logan, Tulsa, Wagoner, Sequoyah, Haskell, Latimer, Pittsburg, McIntosh, Creek, Okmulgee, Nowata, Washington and Rogers. Such district shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a governmental agency of the State of Oklahoma, body politic and corporate, with powers of government and with the authority to exercise the rights,
privileges and functions hereinafter specified, including the
close control, storing, preservation and distribution of the waters of the
Grand River and its tributaries, for irrigation, power and other
useful purposes and reclamation and irrigation of arid, semiarid and
other lands needing irrigation, and the conservation and development
of the forests, minerals, land, water and other resources and the
conservation and development of hydroelectric power and other
electrical energy, from whatever source derived, of the State of
Oklahoma.

Nothing in this act or in any other act or law contained,
however, shall be construed as authorizing the district to levy or
collect taxes or assessments, or to create any indebtedness payable
out of the taxes or assessments, or in any manner to pledge the
credit of the State of Oklahoma, or any subdivision thereof.

All that body of land and the water impounded above the
Pensacola Dam, Pensacola Project, shall be hereafter designated and
known as "Grand Lake O'The Cherokees". All that body of land and
the water impounded above Robert S. Kerr Dam, Markham Ferry Project,
shall be hereafter designated and known as "Lake Hudson" "Lake
Markham". All that body of land and the water impounded above
Chimney Rock Dam, Salina Pumped-Storage Project, shall be designated
and known as "W. R. Holway Reservoir"
SECTION 2. This act shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution.