

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2263
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	NA
Author:	Rep. Patzkowsky
Date:	5/1/2019
Impact:	OWRB: \$0 anticipated

Research Analysis

The Senate amendment to HB 2263 changes the number of permit holders required to initiate a groundwater irrigation district from 8% of the permit holders to 10 permit holders. The amended version also declares that the districts are not political subdivisions of the state, whereas the engrossed version maintains that they are.

The engrossed version of HB 2263 creates the Groundwater Irrigation District Act, which provides a framework for forming groundwater irrigation districts. At least 8% of groundwater permit holders must submit a petition to the county board of commissioners. Once the commissioners verify the petition, it is submitted to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The county commissioners select the initial board members and meeting place for the groundwater irrigation district to adopt bylaws, which require approval by the OWRB within 60 days.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure relates to groundwater and to the establishment of the Groundwater Irrigation District Act. As written, the measure has \$0 anticipated fiscal implications to the agency or to State revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.