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Committee Substitute (CS)

The CS for HB 2263 creates the Groundwater Irrigation District Act. The CS authorizes permit holders of groundwater in a proposed groundwater district to create a district, provided at least ten owners approve of the district's creation. The district shall be comprised of a county and/or an adjacent county, but may only contain permit holders willing to participate in the district. The district shall be created via a circulated petition signed by qualifying groundwater permit holders. The board of county commissioners shall verify the authenticity of each signature.

If the requirements for the petition are met, the board of county commissioners shall declare the establishment of the district and its governing board. The board of county commissioners will assign three members representing groundwater irrigation users within the county to the governing board of the district. This initial, governing board shall adopt the bylaws governing the board in the future. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board is directed to promulgate rules implementing the provisions of this measure.

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