

An Act relating to administrative law; creating the State Office of Administrative Hearings Act; stating purpose; providing definitions; creating the State Office of Administrative Hearings; providing for headquarters; exempting Office from the Oklahoma Sunset Law; providing procedures for disclosure of records and conduct of hearings; authorizing certain travel expenses; providing for appointment, removal, qualifications and compensation of the Chief Administrative Law Judge; stating powers and duties of the Chief Administrative Law Judge; providing for an Administrator; stating powers and duties of the Administrator; stating maximum compensation for Administrator; stating qualifications and compensation of administrative law judges; providing for classification under the Merit System of Personnel Administration; authorizing retention of part-time administrative law judges under certain circumstances; requiring attention to duties; prohibiting certain outside employment; stating applicability of Code of Judicial Conduct; providing for assignment of cases and other matters; providing for disqualification of administrative law judges; creating the State Office of Administrative Hearings Revolving Fund; stating sources and disposition of monies; providing for expenditures; stating jurisdiction and venue of cases and other matters; providing for pleadings and other rules of procedure; requiring hearings pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act; stating authority of administrative law judges; providing for final decisions; providing transition provisions for pending cases and other matters; transferring employees and equipment; amending 75 O.S. 1991, Section 323, which relates to review of certain judgments; providing for direct appeal; repealing 75 O.S. 1991, Section 318, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 1992 (75 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 318), which relates to stay of enforcement of certain agency decisions pending review; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.