

An Act relating to administrative law; creating the Administrative Hearings Act and providing short title; stating purpose; providing definitions; creating the Administrative Hearings Panel of Oklahoma; providing for headquarters; exempting panel from the Oklahoma Sunset Law; providing for records and hearings; authorizing certain travel expenses; providing for appointment, removal, qualifications, and compensation of the chief presiding officer; stating powers and duties of chief presiding officer; stating maximum compensation for chief presiding officer; providing for an administrator; stating powers and duties of the administrator; stating maximum compensation for administrator; stating qualifications and compensation of administrative hearing officers; providing for classification under the Merit System of Personnel Administration; authorizing retention of temporary administrative hearing officers 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 hearing officers; creating 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 hearing officer; 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 to the Supreme Court; 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.