

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 1991, Section 60, which relates to the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act; clarifying reference; authorizing the appointment of referees in certain counties to hear cases involving petitions for protective orders; providing qualifications for referees; providing procedures for hearings; requiring the referee to transmit to the court all papers relating to the case and findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations in writing; requiring notice of findings to be given to the parties; providing for a court hearing, if requested; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.