

An Act relating to state government; creating the Private Attorney Retention Sunshine Act; providing short title; specifying components of certain contracts; requiring that certain contracts be competitively bid; providing for legislative oversight and power to change contract; providing procedure for legislative process; providing procedure if Legislature is not in session; requiring outside counsel retained on contingent fee basis to provide statement; providing contents of statement; limiting maximum hourly rate for legal services; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 18b, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 1999 and Section 1, Chapter 180, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 18b and 20i), which relate to the Attorney General; requiring legislative approval prior to the filing of amicus curiae briefs by the Office of Attorney General; modifying contracting procedures for retention of services of private attorneys for contracts exceeding a certain amount; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.