

An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 66, which relates to bond requirement of state; providing that judgment against the state is stayed on appeal without requirement of bond; clarifying requirement to pay costs in an action; providing form for unsworn statements; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 696.4, which relates to costs, attorney fees, or interest; tolling time limitation to file for certain costs in certain circumstances; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 735, which relates to the enforceability of judgments; commencing time limit on enforcing judgments at time of filing of judgment; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 936, which relates to attorney fees; limiting ability to collect attorney fees to certain lawsuits; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 990A, which relates to filing of appeals; allowing filing of petition in error through regular mail; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 1101.1, which relates to offers of judgment; permitting offer of judgment to exclude certain costs and fees; modifying circumstances for which defendant is entitled to recover certain costs and fees; modifying circumstances for which plaintiff is entitled to recover certain costs and fees; providing procedure for comparing judgment to offer of judgment; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 1653, which relates to venue; allowing certain persons to be heard on certain matters; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 1751 and 1753, which relate to small claims procedure; clarifying language; correcting statutory references; creating the Choice in Mediation Act; providing short title; stating purpose; authorizing certain entities to establish mediation programs; defining term; granting entities certain options; providing for compensation of the mediator; requiring certain disclosure regarding the mediator; requiring adoption of appropriate procedures; requiring procedure for complaints; requiring entities to clarify meaning of certification; providing that the Choice in Mediation Act does not impair the authority of the courts; providing that the Choice in Mediation Act does not limit the ability of parties to select and compensate a mediator of their choice; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2004.1, as amended by Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 981 of the 2nd Session of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to subpoenas; authorizing district court to order special procedures in certain depositions; adding time limits to claim certain privileges; providing certain requirements for counsel to participate in or withdraw from civil proceedings; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2012, which relates to defenses and objections; allowing the filing for a reservation of time; limiting consequences of waiver of certain defenses; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 2103, 2105, 2107, 2202, 2301, 2304, 2403, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2506.1, 2507, 2508, 2510, 2511, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2611.2, 2612, 2613, 2701, 2703, 2705, 2801, 2802, 2803, 2804, 2806, 2902, 2903, 3001, 3002, 3003, 3004, 3005, 3007, 3008 and 3009, which relate to the Oklahoma Evidence Code; clarifying scope of Code; providing for determination of privilege; expanding scope of documentation that is admissible and clarifying references to such records; clarifying and updating language of the Code; making language gender-neutral; modifying procedure for presumptions in criminal cases; modifying exclusion of relevant evidence; modifying exceptions for certain privileges; expanding governmental privilege to refuse to disclose identity; modifying role of interpreter; clarifying time period for inadmissible convictions; expanding scope of proceedings for which procedures for taking testimony of child witnesses is applicable; modifying age of child witnesses; correcting statutory cites; expanding scope of opinion testimony; modifying disclosure requirement for experts; modifying definition relating to hearsay; modifying scope of hearsay rule; modifying exceptions from hearsay; establishing a residual exception; expanding items subject to self-authentication; modifying and expanding definitions relating to documentation; updating terminology relating to records; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 3226, which relates to discovery; providing that certain documents are not protected from disclosure; adding information that may be required of an expert witness by an interrogatory; providing discovery for expert witnesses through single interrogatory; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 3230, which relates to depositions; limiting ability of deponent not to answer questions; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 3237, which relates to compelling discovery; adding authorization for copying of certain records; providing for preparation of privilege log; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-403, which relates to right-of-way at intersections; providing for right-of-way at uncontrolled T intersections; defining term; amending 58 O.S. 2001, Section 52, which relates to probate procedure; allowing for probate of will under certain conditions; repealing 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 462 and 1703.02, which relate to depositions; repealing 12 O.S. 2001, Sections 3101, 3102 and 3103, which relate to codification, repealers and the effective date for the Oklahoma Evidence Code; providing for codification; directing recodification; and providing an effective date.