

An Act relating to civil procedure; 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, 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 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, 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; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-403, which relates to vehicle right-of-way at intersections; providing for right-of-way at uncontrolled T intersections; defining term; 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; providing for recodification; and providing an effective date.