

An Act relating to inmate lawsuits; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 95, which relates to limitations of actions; establishing limitation for certain actions filed by inmates; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 397, which relates to prisoners as witnesses or complaining or defending parties; requiring court to order payment to custodian of prisoner for costs of transportation of prisoner; prohibiting waiver of requirement to order payment of costs; amending 12 O.S. 2001, Section 2003.1, which relates to commencement of actions by inmates in penal institutions; requiring certain documents be attached to petition; modifying requirements for proceeding in forma pauperis; prohibiting the action from commencing upon certain determinations by the court; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Section 566, which relates to dismissal of civil actions initiated by inmates; adding inmates on parole; authorizing loss of earned credits by inmate upon submission of frivolous or malicious claim; requiring findings of fact and order of the court; authorizing review and recommendation by Office of Attorney General under certain circumstances; authorizing disciplinary hearing; amending 57 O.S. 2001, Section 566.1, which relates to payments and distributions from damage awards; stating funds deposited shall not be subject to attachment and garnishment procedures; requiring inmate or attorney of the inmate to provide notice regarding settlement deposit; establishing court cost payment schedule and procedures for civil actions by inmates; authorizing prisoner to pay sooner than required; authorizing dismissal of action for failure to pay fees and costs if funds are available; providing exception if prisoner is indigent; specifying information to be provided in affidavit; authorizing verification of financial information given by prisoner; stating what court shall consider for determining allegation of poverty; authorizing hearing; providing that Department of Corrections and sheriffs may adopt prisoner grievance procedures; requiring exhaustion of grievance procedure; stating procedures to be followed during grievance procedure; limiting access to certain documents; establishing time limit for filing civil action regarding adverse decision in grievance process; prohibiting certain legal actions by prisoners; limiting access of prisoners to certain records; prohibiting appointment of prisoner to serve process; prohibiting default judgment by prisoner; establishing venue for certain actions; requiring notification of Pardon and Parole Board of certain lawsuits filed by prisoners; authorizing administrative fee; exempting Department of Corrections from Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act; authorizing stay of civil proceedings filed by prisoner under certain circumstances; authorizing special report; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.