

An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 12 O.S. 1991, Sections 2004, as last amended by Section 18, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1999, and 2023 (12 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 2004), which relate to process and class actions; requiring dismissal of summons if not served in certain time period; limiting the scope of plaintiff class actions to state residents; clarifying language; adding prerequisite to class action; modifying requirements for maintaining class actions; requiring hearing before court decision on maintenance of class action; providing for withdrawal of certain order; requiring court to provide specific written decision for certification; stating burden of proof for certification of class; requiring decertification under certain circumstances; providing for rebuttable presumption against class actions under certain circumstances; stating effect of certain determination by court; providing for content of certain notice; providing for payment of costs; authorizing court to allow as taxable costs certain expenses incurred by prevailing party; requiring hearing prior to approval of dismissal or compromise of action; providing for discovery; and providing an effective date.