

An Act relating to statutes and reports; amending Section 11, Chapter 384, O.S.L. 1994 and 75 O.S. 1991, Section 303, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 1999 (75 O.S. Supp. 2000, Sections 250.10 and 303), which relate to the Administrative Procedures Act; enacting the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act; defining terms; creating Small Business Regulatory Review Committee within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce; stating purpose of Committee; providing for membership, terms of office, qualifications for membership, conduct of proceedings, and duties; requiring agencies comply with certain provisions for making certain determination; requiring agencies submit proposed rules adversely affecting small business to Small Business Regulatory Review Committee and provide for certain review and comment period; requiring Committee submit certain request to agency; making Act inapplicable to certain rules; authorizing filing of certain petitions by small businesses; stating grounds for petition; requiring agency submit copy of petition to Committee, take certain actions and submit certain response to Committee; authorizing small businesses to seek review of agency decision by Committee under certain circumstances; prescribing procedures for Committee and basis for recommendations; requiring Committee submit certain report to Legislature under certain circumstances; authorizing agencies to waive or reduce administrative fines or penalties under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; authorizing certain entities to request agencies to review rules for certain purposes; modifying time frame for certain comment period and conforming language; modifying list of entities who may request hearing on proposed rules; modifying information to be included in rule impact statement; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.