

An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 2001, Sections 60.1, 60.2, 60.3, 60.4 and 60.8, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 443, O.S.L. 2002 (22 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 60.8), which relate to the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act; adding definitions; requiring certain persons file complaint with law enforcement prior to filing a petition for a protective order; providing for filings with specific court in certain circumstances; eliminating statutory forms; providing for development of standard forms; prohibiting charging of certain fees to certain persons; eliminating restrictions on certain fees; providing for frivolously filed petitions; authorizing court to waive certain fees; requiring the court to find sufficient grounds to hold hearings; modifying procedure for service of process; modifying time for scheduling hearings; requiring counseling services to be court-approved; prohibiting mutual protective orders; authorizing consolidated hearings in certain circumstances; authorizing a plaintiff or victim to be accompanied by a victim support person at court proceedings; modifying conditions under which peace officer must seize weapon or instrument; requiring the Criminal Justice Resource Center to collect certain data; providing recipients of the data; repealing 22 O.S. 2001, Section 60.11 and Section 2, Chapter 113, O.S.L. 2002 (22 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 60.13), which relate to statutory forms and required language for protective orders; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.