

An Act relating to state employees; amending 44 O.S. 2001, Section 209, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 2002 (44 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 209), which relates to leave of absence; providing for benefit and pay adjustments to acting incumbents; amending 62 O.S. 2001, Section 7.10, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 204, O.S.L. 2002 (62 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 7.10), which relates to voluntary payroll deductions; clarifying treatment of certain online forms; amending 72 O.S. 2001, Section 48, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 396, O.S.L. 2002 (72 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 48), which relates to leave of absence during active service; providing for benefit and pay adjustments to acting incumbents; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Sections 840-1.6A, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2002, 840-1.15, 840-1.18, 840-2.10, 840-2.11, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2002, 840-2.19, 840-2.27B, 840-2.27C, 840-2.27D, 840-2.27E, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2002, 840-3.8, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2002, 840-4.15, 840-4.17, 840-5.1A, 840-5.5, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 435, O.S.L. 2002 (74 O.S. Supp. 2002, Sections 840-1.6A, 840-2.11, 840-2.27E, 840-3.8 and 840-5.5), which relate to the Oklahoma Personnel Act; modifying duties of the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management; deleting obsolete language; removing references to the Human Resources Management Advisory Committee; transferring duties of the Human Resources Management Advisory Committee to the Administrator; clarifying provisions concerning certification of vouchers and accounts; making certain testimony not subject to subpoena; extending confidentiality of employee information; deleting requirement for sending copies of materials related to excess payroll errors; deleting certain reference to limited term unclassified employees; deleting certain reduction-in-force plan requirements; providing for reduction-in-force notice requirement; removing provisions relating to unclassified employee reduction-in-force; providing for reduction-in-force implementation plan; amending references; removing provisions relating to unclassified employee reduction-in-force; removing certain written explanation requirement; deleting certain exemption from approval by the Administrator; deleting certain references to the University Hospitals Authority; deleting obsolete language; making certain severance benefits to unclassified employees permissive; deleting obsolete language; clarifying language concerning repayment of certain severance benefits; providing for intermittent Mentor Executive rotations; deleting certain requirements for posting certain announcements; requiring agencies to describe method certain announcements in the promotional posting plan; adding certain information to be included in posting; authorizing Administrator to prescribe certain compliance form; allowing agencies to provide certain severance benefits to certain unclassified employees; providing for submission of plan to the Office of State Finance; providing requirements for the Office of State Finance to reject such plans; clarifying the inapplicability of reduction-in-force provisions to unclassified employees; amending duplicate section language concerning acting incumbents; allowing certain classified employees to become acting incumbents; limiting service as active incumbent; authorizing establishment of certain positions; providing for expiration of certain appointments; providing for uninterrupted benefits; providing for restoration to classified service; authorizing agencies to appoint nurses in the unclassified service; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.