

An Act relating to civil procedure; creating the Uniform Arbitration Act; providing short title; defining terms; providing conditions of giving and receiving notice; providing agreements that are governed by the Uniform Arbitration Act; providing for waiver of requirements; providing nonwaivable provisions; providing for application for judicial relief; providing for validity of agreements to arbitrate; providing for application and motion to compel or stay arbitration; providing for provisional remedies; providing for initiation of arbitration; providing for consolidation of separate arbitration proceedings; prohibiting consolidation if prohibited by the arbitration agreement; providing for appointment of arbitrator; providing that certain persons shall not serve as arbitrator; requiring certain disclosures by arbitrator; providing for objections; providing consequences if an arbitrator does not disclose certain information; requiring compliance with certain procedures in certain circumstances; requiring action by more than one arbitrator to be action of a majority; requiring all arbitrators to conduct the hearing; providing civil immunity for arbitrator; providing that an arbitrator is not competent to testify or required to produce records in certain proceedings; providing exceptions; providing for the award of certain attorney fees and expenses of litigation; providing for the arbitration process; authorizing a party to an arbitration proceeding to be represented by a lawyer; providing for subpoena power, administration of oaths, and use of discovery; allowing witnesses to appear telephonically or by other means; authorizing an arbitrator to issue protective orders; providing that certain laws and fees apply to arbitration proceedings; providing for enforcement of subpoenas and discovery-related orders; providing for judicial enforcement of preaward rulings; providing requirements for awards; providing procedure for modification or correction of award; authorizing an arbitrator to award punitive damages and other exemplary relief; authorizing an arbitrator to award attorney fees and other expenses; providing for confirming orders; authorizing the court to vacate an award for certain reasons; providing procedure for vacating award; requiring the court to modify or correct an award under certain circumstances; providing for entering judgment; authorizing the court to award certain costs and expenses; providing for jurisdiction; providing venue; providing for appeals; providing for uniform application of law; providing conformity with certain act; repealing 15 O.S. 2001, Sections 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817 and 818, which relate to the Uniform Arbitration Act; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.