

An Act relating to condemnation; amending 27 O.S. 2011, Section 11, which relates to condemnation proceedings; mandating award of costs and attorney fees in specified proceedings; amending Section 1, Chapter 160, O.S.L. 2012 (27 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 18), which relates to Landowner's Bill of Rights; adding the right to demand a trial in certain condemnation proceedings; amending 66 O.S. 2011, Section 55, which relates to land acquisition; permitting demand for jury or nonjury trial; specifying time period for demand; requiring demand after the parties participate in good faith negotiations; updating language; updating citation; increasing verdict percentage for reimbursement of fees; authorizing court to award fees and sanctions in certain cases; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1203, which relates to land acquisition by the Department of Transportation; permitting landowner to demand a jury or nonjury trial; permitting Department to demand a nonjury trial; specifying time period for demand; requiring demand after both parties participate in good faith negotiations; updating language; directing award of attorney fees if verdict exceeds specified amount; authorizing court to award fees and sanctions in certain cases; directing Department to report condemnation cases annually; describing contents of report; and providing an effective date.