

BILL SUMMARY
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Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB1564 creates the Oklahoma Expedited Actions Act. The measure allows lawsuits with a monetary relief request of \$250,000 or less to use an expedited actions process that has set deadlines and limits as follows:

- 180 days for discovery;
- Up to 20 hours total to examine and cross-examine witnesses;
- Limit of 15 written requests for production;
- Limit of 15 written requests for admissions;
- Upon request, a trial date within 90 days after discovery period ends;
- Limit of two continuances that may not exceed a total of 60 days, and
- Limit of 8 hours per side to complete jury selection, opening statements, presentation of evidence, examination and cross-examination of witnesses, and closing arguments. This time can be extended to 12 hours per side with a motion and a showing of good cause by either party.

The court may also refer an expedited cases to an alternative dispute resolution process once. The process cannot exceed a half-day in duration, cost no more than the two -times the civil filing fees and must be completed within 60 days before the initial trial setting.

The measure also allows cases to be removed from the expedited actions process on motion and a showing of good cause by either party or if a claimant files a supplemental amended pleading that causes the total relief sought to exceed \$250,000.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS to HB1564 sets forth civil procedures related to expedited actions in certain proceedings. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

