

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1911

By: Mass

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Corporation Commission; amending  
17 O.S. 1991, Section 168, which relates to oil and  
gas certificate of production; clarifying statutory  
cite; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 1991, Section 168, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 168. If, and when a certificate, as provided in Section  
~~1 hereof~~ 167 of this title, has been filed and recorded in the land  
records of the county in which the tract of land described in said  
certificate is located, and such certificate disclosed that no  
notice of intention to drill an oil well or gas well on said  
described land has been filed with the Commission, or discloses that  
as to all wells, for which notices to drill on said lands have been  
filed, and there has been filed a notice to plug, or discloses that  
no production has been reported from said tract for six (6) months  
or more prior to the date of said certificate, said certificate  
shall constitute prima facie evidence of the actual status of  
production from, development of, or abandonment of operations on

said tract, and any person, firm or corporation, who asserts the existence and validity of any oil and gas lease, or conveyance, the primary term of which has expired, and the existence and validity of which lease or conveyance is dependent upon such development, production, or operations, as defeating the merchantability of title to the tract covered by said certificate, or any part thereof, shall have the burden of proving that such lease or conveyance is in fact valid and subsisting.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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