

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2483 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Pat Ownbey \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

3 PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2483

By: Ownbey

7 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2011,  
9 Section 1-4-502, which relates to termination of  
10 parental rights; waiving right to jury trial if party  
11 fails to appear in person after notice and without  
12 good cause; requiring nonjury trial; providing  
13 exception; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-4-502, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-4-502. A. A parent entitled to service of summons,  
18 the state or a child shall have the right to demand a trial by jury  
19 on the sole issue of termination of parental rights only in the  
20 following circumstances:

21 1. When the initial petition to determine if a child is  
22 deprived also contains a request for termination of parental rights  
23 in which case the court shall determine if the child should be  
24 adjudicated deprived and, if so, the jury shall determine if  
parental rights should be terminated; or

1           2. When, following a hearing in which the child is adjudicated  
2 deprived, a request for termination of parental rights is filed by  
3 the state or the child.

4           B. The demand for a jury trial shall be granted unless waived,  
5 or the court on its own motion may call a jury to try any  
6 termination of parental rights case. Such jury shall consist of six  
7 (6) persons. A party who requests a jury trial and fails to appear  
8 in person for such trial, after proper notice and without good  
9 cause, may be deemed by the court to have waived the right to ~~be~~  
10 ~~present at~~ such jury trial, and the adjudication shall be by nonjury  
11 trial unless another party demands a jury trial or the court  
12 determines on its own motion to try the case to a jury.

13           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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