

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2483

By: Ownbey of the House

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4 Simpson of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

