

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 261

By: Sharp of the Senate

3 and

4 Echols of the House

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6 [termination of parental rights - jury trial -
7 failure to appear - notice - burden of proof -
8 effective date]

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

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

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

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

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

