

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 17, 2026

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1209

By: Kirt of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to forcible entry and detainer;  
9 amending 12 O.S. 2021, Section 1148.4, which relates  
10 to issuance and return of summons; modifying time  
11 period for certain trial; updating statutory  
12 language; making language gender neutral; and  
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2021, Section 1148.4, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1148.4. The summons shall be issued and returned as in  
18 other cases, except that it shall command the sheriff, or other  
19 person serving it, to summon the defendant to appear for trial at  
20 the time and place specified ~~therein~~ in the summons, which time  
21 shall be not less than five (5) days nor more than ten (10) days,  
22 exclusive of **Sundays** and holidays, from the date that the summons is  
23 issued. The summons shall apprise the defendant of the nature of  
24 the claim that is being asserted against him or her; and there shall  
be endorsed upon the summons the relief sought and the amount for

1 which the plaintiff will take judgment if the defendant fails to  
2 appear. In all cases, pleadings may be amended to conform to the  
3 evidence.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
6 February 17, 2026 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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