

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1918

By: Jordan of the House

and

Standridge of the Senate

An Act relating to children; amending 43 O.S. 2011, Section 109.2, which relates to paternity and custody; authorizing court to award custody to presumed father if it's in the best interests of the child; defining term; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Child custody and support

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43 O.S. 2011, Section 109.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 109.2 A. Except as otherwise provided by Section 7700-607 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, in any action concerning the custody of a minor unmarried child or the determination of child support, the court may determine if the parties to the action are the parents of the children. In a paternity action, prior to genetic testing to establish paternity pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act, the court may award custody to the presumed father if it would be in the best interests of the child. As used in this subsection, "presumed father" means a man who, by operation of law under Section 7700-204 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, is recognized as the father of a child until that status is rebutted or confirmed in a judicial proceeding.

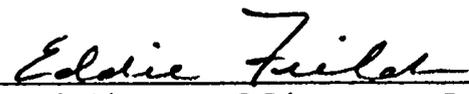
B. If the parties to the action are the parents of the children, the court may determine which party should have custody of said children, may award child support to the parent to whom it awards custody, and may make an appropriate order for payment of costs and ~~attorney's~~ attorney fees.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2015.


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of Representatives

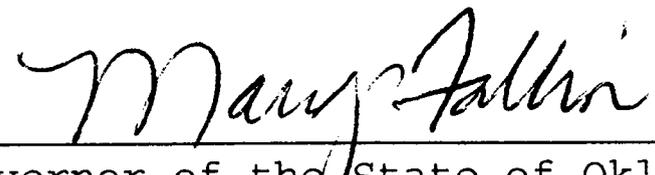
Passed the Senate the 14th day of April, 2015.


Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 15th
day of April, 20 15, at 2:00 o'clock P M.
By: Audrey Lockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 21st
day of April, 20 15, at 1:39 o'clock P M.


Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 21st
day of April, 20 15, at 3:19 o'clock P. M.
By: Ch. Benz