

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 10A: Cherokee Nation Juvenile Code

Article 2

Chapter 2: Custody and Court Proceedings

§ 2-2-802. Termination of parental rights

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A. The finding that a child is delinquent or in need of supervision shall not deprive the parents of the child of their parental rights, but a court may terminate the rights of a parent to a child for any reason authorized in the Cherokee Nation Children's Code. The provision of the Cherokee Nation Children's Code shall govern termination of parental rights.

B. Whenever parental rights of the parents of a child have been terminated and the child is committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice shall serve as the legal guardian of the estate of the child, until another guardian is legally appointed, for the purpose of preserving the child's property rights, securing for the child any benefits to which he may be entitled under social security programs, insurance, claims against third parties, and otherwise, and receiving and administering such funds or property for the care and education of the child.

Historical Data

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