

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001  
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# A Bill

Act 1153 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 1804

5 By: Representative Carson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-304(d) REGARDING  
10 THE POWER OF CHANCERY COURTS TO TERMINATE PARENTAL  
11 RIGHTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 (d) REGARDING THE POWER OF CHANCERY  
15 COURTS TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-304(d) is repealed.

22 ~~(d)(1) Chancery courts shall have the power to terminate parental~~  
23 ~~rights in matters properly before the chancery court, except when the parties~~  
24 ~~to the chancery court action are also parties to a juvenile division of~~  
25 ~~chancery court action; then the juvenile division of chancery court shall have~~  
26 ~~exclusive jurisdiction over termination of parental rights.~~

27 ~~(2) In all proceedings involving the termination of parental~~  
28 ~~rights before the chancery court, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem~~  
29 ~~to represent the best interest of the juvenile and to advocate for the~~  
30 ~~juvenile's articulated wishes.~~  
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33 APPROVED: 3/28/2001  
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