

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1291**  
"AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS REVISED UNIFORM ADOPTION ACT."  
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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1291.**

Amend House Bill No. 1291 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete lines 20 through 26

AND

Page 10, delete line 25 and substitute the following:  
"adoptee.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code 9-9-205(a)(2) is amended to read as follows:

(2) For purposes of this subchapter:

(A) A child under the age of six (6) months shall be considered a resident of this state if the:

(i) Child's birth mother resided in Arkansas for more than four (4) months immediately preceding the birth of the child;

(ii) Child was born in this state or in any border city which adjoins the Arkansas state line or is separated only by a navigable river from an Arkansas city which adjoins the Arkansas state line; and

(iii) Child remains in this state until the interlocutory decree has been entered, or in the case of a nonresident adoptive family, upon the receipt of Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children approval, the child and the prospective adoptive parents may go back to their state of residence and subsequently may return to Arkansas for a hearing on the petition for adoption.

(B) A child over the age of six (6) months shall be considered a resident of this state if the child:

(i) Has resided in this state for a period of six (6) months;

(ii) Currently resides in Arkansas; and

(iii) Is present in this state at the time the petition for adoption is filed and heard by a court having appropriate jurisdiction.

(C) A person seeking to adopt is a resident of this state; if:



(i) The person occupies a dwelling within the state;  
(ii) Has a present intent to remain within the state  
for a period of time; and  
(iii) Manifests the genuineness of that intent by  
establishing an ongoing physical presence within the state together with  
indicia that the person's presence within the state is something other than  
merely transitory in nature."

AND

Page 10, line 27, delete "SECTION 8." and substitute "SECTION 9."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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