Hall of the House of Representatives

87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009 **Amendment Form**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1008

"TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 9-13-103 REGARDING GRANDPARENTS VISITATION

RIGHTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1008.

Amend House Bill No. 1008 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 and 10 of the Title and substitute: "AN ACT ALLOWING GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS VISITATION TO OCCUR WITHOUT REGARD TO WHICH PARENT HAS PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD; AND FOR"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 14 through 16 of the Subtitle and substitute: "ALLOWING GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS VISITATION TO OCCUR WITHOUT REGARD TO WHICH PARENT HAS PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE CHILD."

AND

Delete Section 1 and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-103(f), concerning grandparents visitation rights, is amended to read as follows:

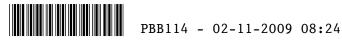
(f)(1) An order granting or denying visitation rights to grandparents and great-grandparents shall be in writing and shall state any and all factors considered by the court in its decision to grant or deny visitation under this section.

(2)(A) If the court grants visitation to the petitioner or petitioners, the visits may occur without regard to which parent has physical custody of the child.

(B) Visits with a paternal grandparent or greatgrandparent may occur even when the child is in the custody of the mother, and visits with a maternal grandparent or great-grandparent may occur even when the child is in the custody of the father.

 $\frac{(2)(A)}{(3)(A)}$ If the court grants visitation to the petitioner under this section, then the visitation shall be exercised in a manner consistent with all orders regarding custody of or visitation with the child unless the court makes a specific finding otherwise.

(B) If the court finds that the petitioner's visitation should be restricted or limited in any way, then the court shall include the



The Amendment was read _____ By: Representative R. Green PBB/RMW - 02-11-2009 08:24 PBB114

Chief Clerk