

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
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 808

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5 By: Senator Luker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CONFORM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE
10 ARKANSAS CODE TO AMENDMENT 80 OF THE ARKANSAS
11 CONSTITUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 THE ARKANSAS CODE TO AMENDMENT 80 OF THE
16 ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION.
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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 § 9-9-217(a)(2)(B), concerning court files in
22 adoption cases, is amended to read as follows:

23 (B) When an adoption is filed or heard ~~in the juvenile division of the~~
24 ~~chancery court~~ pursuant to §§ 9-27-301 through 9-27-345, any portion of the
25 court file relating to the adoption shall be maintained separately from the
26 file of other pending juvenile ~~court~~ matters concerning the juvenile who is
27 the subject of the adoption or the family of the juvenile. Once final
28 disposition is made in the adoption proceedings, the adoption file shall be
29 transferred from the clerk who is the custodian of the juvenile division of
30 the ~~chancery~~ circuit court to the clerk who is the custodian of records of
31 the probate division of circuit court. The entry of the adoption decree will
32 not be entered in the juvenile ~~court~~ order book, but will be entered by the
33 clerk of the probate division of circuit court in the probate ~~court~~ order
34 book. The clerk of the probate division of circuit court ~~clerk~~ shall assign
35 the file a docket number, shall prepare an application for a new birth record
36 as provided herein, and shall maintain the file as if the case had been



1 originated in the probate division of circuit court. No filing fee shall be
2 assessed by the clerk of the probate division of circuit court upon the
3 transfer and creation of the probate file. ~~Any adoption record currently in~~
4 ~~the custody of the clerk of the chancery court shall be transferred to the~~
5 ~~clerk of the probate court to be handled as provided herein.~~

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