| 1  | State of Arkansas                                                          | A D:11                                   |                |           |  |
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| 2  | 87th General Assembly                                                      | A Bill                                   |                |           |  |
| 3  | Regular Session, 2009                                                      |                                          | HOUSE BILL     | 1889      |  |
| 4  |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 5  | By: Representative L. Co                                                   | wling                                    |                |           |  |
| 6  |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 7  |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 8  | For An Act To Be Entitled                                                  |                                          |                |           |  |
| 9  | AN ACT TO PROHIBIT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS'                             |                                          |                |           |  |
| 10 | NOTICE TO RENEW A RESIDENTIAL LEASE; TO REQUIRE                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 11 | NEW OR DIFFERENT TERMS UPON RENEWAL OF A                                   |                                          |                |           |  |
| 12 | RESIDENTIAL LEASE TO BE IN WRITING; AND FOR OTHER                          |                                          |                |           |  |
| 13 | PURPO                                                                      | DSES.                                    |                |           |  |
| 14 |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 15 |                                                                            | Subtitle                                 |                |           |  |
| 16 | TC                                                                         | PROHIBIT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS'     |                |           |  |
| 17 | NC                                                                         | OTICE TO RENEW A RESIDENTIAL LEASE AND   |                |           |  |
| 18 | TC                                                                         | REQUIRE NEW OR DIFFERENT TERMS UPON      |                |           |  |
| 19 | RE                                                                         | ENEWAL OF A RESIDENTIAL LEASE TO BE IN   |                |           |  |
| 20 | WF                                                                         | RITING.                                  |                |           |  |
| 21 |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 22 |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 23 | BE IT ENACTED BY TH                                                        | E GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN | ISAS:          |           |  |
| 24 |                                                                            |                                          |                |           |  |
| 25 | SECTION 1. A                                                               | rkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 16, Subch | apter l is ame | nded      |  |
| 26 | to add an additiona                                                        | l section to read as follows:            |                |           |  |
| 27 | 18-16-113. Renewal of residential leases.                                  |                                          |                |           |  |
| 28 | (a) A reside                                                               | ntial lease shall:                       |                |           |  |
| 29 | (1) Be renewed upon the same terms as the previous residential             |                                          |                | <u>al</u> |  |
| 30 | lease unless the lessee agrees in writing to new or additional terms by    |                                          |                |           |  |
| 31 | signing a new residential lease or an addendum to the previous residential |                                          |                |           |  |
| 32 | lease; and                                                                 |                                          |                |           |  |
| 33 | <u>(2)</u> No                                                              | t require the lessee to give more than t | hirty (30) day | s'        |  |
| 34 | notice that the lessee will not renew the residential lease.               |                                          |                |           |  |
| 35 | (b) A provis                                                               | ion of a residential lease that violates | this section   | <u>is</u> |  |
| 36 | not enforceable.                                                           |                                          |                |           |  |