

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ACT 91 OF 1979, AS AMENDED [ARK. STATS. 34-2704], TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR INQUIRY IN CERTAIN CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING POTENTIAL MISSING CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Act 91 of 1979, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 34-2704, the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. (A) Before making a decree under this Act, reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard shall be given to the contestants, any parent whose parental rights have not been previously terminated, and any person who has physical custody of the child. If any of these persons is outside this State, notice and opportunity to be heard shall be given pursuant to Section 5.

(B) In all proceedings for custody, when it appears from the pleadings or testimony that either parent resides at an unknown location, either parent is allegedly deceased or personal service has not been perfected over either parent, the court, shall, prior to the entry of a decree or modification concerning custody, inquire of the Missing Children Information Center within the Arkansas Crime Information Center to determine if such child or children have been reported missing. Such inquiry shall be directed to the Center through a local law enforcement agency having on-line access to the Crime Information Center."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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