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1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**  
4 **By: Senator Gordon**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 486 OF 1995**  
**SENATE BILL 371**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 16-4-101  
9 CONCERNING PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER PERSONS OUTSIDE OF  
10 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### **Subtitle**

13 "TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS \_LONG-ARM\_  
14 JURISDICTION STATUTE"

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

18 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §16-4-101 is amended to read as*  
19 *follows:*

20 *"16-4-101. Personal Jurisdiction of Arkansas Courts.*

21 *A. Definition of "Person". As used in this section, "person" includes*  
22 *an individual or his executor, administrator, or other personal*  
23 *representative, or a corporation, partnership, association, or any other legal*  
24 *or commercial entity, whether or not a citizen or domiciliary of this state*  
25 *and whether or not organized under the laws of this state.*

26 *B. Personal Jurisdiction. The courts of this state shall have personal*  
27 *jurisdiction of all persons, and all causes of action or claims for relief, to*  
28 *the maximum extent permitted by the due process of law clause of the*  
29 *Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.*

30 *C. Service. When the exercise of personal jurisdiction is authorized*  
31 *by this section, service may be made either within or outside this state.*

32 *D. Inconvenient Forum. When the court finds that in the interest of*  
33 *substantial justice the action should be heard in another forum, the court may*  
34 *stay or dismiss the action in whole or in part on any conditions that may be*  
35 *just."*

1 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
12 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Gordon*

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