Act 184 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 184 SB26

By: Senator Hopkins

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 12, SUBCHAPTER 3, OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO ALLOW ACTIONS BETWEEN PARTIES SUBSEQUENT TO DIVORCE TO BE BROUGHT IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 9-12-320 is hereby amended to read as follows: "9-12-320. Proceedings subsequent to decree - Change of venue.

- (a) In divorce proceedings, when a complaint for divorce is filed in a chancery court of one (1) chancery district and the final decree is rendered by the court and, six (6) months subsequent to the final decree, both of the parties to the divorce proceedings have established a residence in a county of another chancery district, further action upon such case may be brought in the county of residence of the custodial parent or where the final decree is rendered. The court where the final decree is rendered shall retain jurisdiction for a minimum of six (6) months following entry of that decree.
- (b) At the request of the party seeking to transfer the case to another chancery district, the court of original jurisdiction shall enter an order transferring the case and charging the chancery clerk of the court of original jurisdiction to transmit forthwith certified copies of all records pertaining to the case.
- (c) The provisions of this section shall not repeal any laws or parts of laws in effect on March 3, 1975, relating to venue for divorce actions but shall be supplemental thereto."
- SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revisions commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: February 22, 1989