1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 83rd General Assembly Act 968 of 2001 HOUSE BILL 1781 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 5 By: Representatives Verkamp, Stovall, Bradford 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HEIRLOOM 9 MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 10 11 **Subtitle** 12 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HEIRLOOM 13 14 MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES. 15 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 17 18 19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 9-11-203 is amended to read as follows: 20 9-11-203. Issuance by clerks. 21 (a) The clerks of the county courts of the several counties in this 22 state are required to furnish the license upon application being made, upon 23 the clerk being fully assured that applicants are lawfully entitled to the 24 license, and upon the receipt of his fee. 25 (b) It shall be lawful for clerks of the probate courts to issue 26 marriage licenses in counties having two (2) judicial districts. 27 (c) In addition to the standard certificate of marriage issued under subsection (a), the county clerk shall offer and, upon payment of a fee 28 29 established by regulation promulgated by the State Child Abuse and Neglect 30 Prevention Board, issue an heirloom certificate of marriage. 31 (d)(1) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board shall adopt 32 regulations for the design of the heirloom certificate and shall print and 33 distribute the certificates to each county clerk in this state. The board may expend up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of money appropriated from 34 35 the Children's Trust Fund for the printing, distribution, and promotion of the 36 heirloom certificates during the biennial period ending June 30, 2003.

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1	(2) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board shall set
2	the amount of the fee for the heirloom certificates to exceed the estimated
3	actual costs for the development and distribution of the certificates but not
4	to exceed the estimated fair market value of a comparable artistic rendition.
5	(3) The fee is in addition to any other fee established by law
6	for the issuance of a certificate of marriage.
7	(4) The additional fees from the sale of heirloom certificates
8	shall be transmitted monthly by the county clerk to the State Treasurer for
9	deposit in the State Treasury to the credit of the Children's Trust Fund.
10	(e) The heirloom certificate shall be in a form consistent with the
11	need to protect the integrity of vital records and suitable for display. It
12	may bear the seal of the state and may be signed by the governor.
13	(f) An heirloom certificate of marriage issued under this section has
14	the same status as evidence as the standard certificate of marriage issued
15	under subsection (a).
16	(g) Heirloom certificates may be issued for any marriage certificate
17	issued at any time in this state, whether before or after the effective date
18	of this act.
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