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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 781

5 By: Senators Bledsoe, J. Hutchinson  
6 By: Representatives D. Douglas, Ballinger, J. Burris, Collins, Farrer, Gillam, Payton, Scott  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A DECEDENT'S  
10 ESTATE UPON HIS OR HER MURDER BY A SPOUSE; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A  
16 DECEDENT'S ESTATE UPON HIS OR HER MURDER  
17 BY A SPOUSE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 28-11-204 is amended to read as follows:  
23 28-11-204. Murder of spouse – Effect.

24 (a) Whenever a spouse shall kill or slay his or her spouse and the  
25 killing or slaying would under the law constitute murder, either in the first  
26 or second degree, and that spouse shall be convicted of murder for the  
27 killing or slaying, in either the first or second degree, the one so  
28 convicted shall not be endowed in the real or personal estate of the decedent  
29 spouse so killed or slain.

30 (b) In the event that a decedent spouse under this section dies  
31 without a will, the descendants of the one so convicted shall not benefit  
32 from the estate of the decedent spouse unless the descendants of the spouse  
33 that committed the murder are also descendants of the decedent spouse.  
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35 /s/Bledsoe

36 APPROVED: 04/09/2013

