

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017  
**Amendment Form**

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 777

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CHILD CUSTODY.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 777**

Amend Senate Bill No. 777 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-101, concerning the award of custody of a child, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f)(1) In all child custody cases, a child who is fourteen (14) years of age or older shall have the right to select the parent whom the child desires to be awarded custody of him or her.

(2) A child may select a custodial parent under this subsection no more than one (1) time every two (2) years from the date of the previous selection.

(3) A child's selection under this subsection is presumptive of the best interest of the child unless the court determines after considering other factors that an award of custody to the parent selected by the child is not in the best interest of the child.

(4) A child's selection under this subsection is insufficient to constitute a material change in circumstances in an action seeking a modification of the custody of the child."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator L. Chesterfield

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