

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 207 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1260

5 By: Representatives Verkamp, Mack, Minton, Rodgers
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 9-12-309(a) TO ALLOW THE
10 COURT TO AWARD EXPERT WITNESS FEES IN DIVORCE ACTIONS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 (a) TO ALLOW THE COURT TO AWARD EXPERT
15 WITNESS FEES IN DIVORCE ACTIONS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 9-12-309(a), concerning the awarding of fees
22 in divorce actions, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) (1) During the pendency of an action for divorce, whether absolute
24 or from bed and board, separate maintenance, or alimony, the court may allow
25 to the wife or to the husband maintenance, ~~and~~ a reasonable fee for her or his
26 attorneys, and expert witness fees, and enforce the payment of the allowance
27 by orders and executions and proceedings as in cases of contempt.

28 (2) In the final decree of an action for absolute divorce, the
29 court may award the wife or husband costs of court, a reasonable attorney's
30 fee, and expert witness fees.

31 (3) The court may immediately reduce the sums so ordered to
32 judgment and allow the party to execute upon the marital property for the
33 payment of the allowance except that the homestead shall not be executed upon
34 for the payment of the sums so ordered.
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