

1 State of Arkansas
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4 By: Senator Hoofman

A Bill

SENATE BILL 177

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-317 RELATING TO
PETITIONS TO CHANGE THE CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH AS SHOWN
ON DEATH CERTIFICATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"RELATING TO PETITIONS TO CHANGE THE
CAUSE OR MANNER OF DEATH AS SHOWN ON
DEATH CERTIFICATES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-317 is hereby amended by adding the following new subdivision at the end thereof:

"(c) When a petition is filed with a court of competent jurisdiction to change the cause or manner of death listed on a death certificate which has been signed by the Chief Medical Examiner or by his designee, the State Crime Laboratory shall be notified of such petition and the Chief Medical Examiner or his designee shall be allowed to hear testimony presented by the petitioner and shall be given an opportunity to present evidence to the court to support the original ruling of the Chief Medical Examiner or assistant who signed the certificate."

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 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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