

1 State of Arkansas  
2 80th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1995  
4 By: Senator Gordon

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 371

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 16-4-101  
CONCERNING PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER PERSONS OUTSIDE OF  
ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

"TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS LONG-ARM  
JURISDICTION STATUTE"

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §16-4-101 is amended to read as follows:*

*"16-4-101. Personal Jurisdiction of Arkansas Courts.*

*A. Definition of "Person". As used in this section, "person" includes an individual or his executor, administrator, or other personal representative, or a corporation, partnership, association, or any other legal or commercial entity, whether or not a citizen or domiciliary of this state and whether or not organized under the laws of this state.*

*B. Personal Jurisdiction. The courts of this state shall have personal jurisdiction of all persons, and all causes of action or claims for relief, to the maximum extent permitted by the due process of law clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.*

*C. Service. When the exercise of personal jurisdiction is authorized by this section, service may be made either within or outside this state.*

*D. Inconvenient Forum. When the court finds that in the interest of substantial justice the action should be heard in another forum, the court may stay or dismiss the action in whole or in part on any conditions that may be just."*

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

*/s/Gordon*

