

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1301

5 By: Representative Pollan  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 9-27-307 TO  
10 CLARIFY THE VENUE FOR ADOPTIONS OF CHILDREN AND  
11 GUARDIANSHIPS OF CHILDREN FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

14 "TO CLARIFY THE VENUE FOR ADOPTIONS OF  
15 CHILDREN AND GUARDIANSHIPS OF CHILDREN  
16 FILED IN THE JUVENILE COURT"  
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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 Annotated 9-27-307, pertaining to venue under  
22 the Juvenile Code, is amended to read as follows:

23 "9-27-307. Venue.

24 (a)(1) Except as set forth in subdivisions (2) ~~or (3)~~, (3), or (4) of  
25 this subsection, a proceeding under this subchapter shall be commenced in the  
26 court of the county in which the juvenile resides.

27 (2) Proceedings may be commenced in the county where the alleged  
28 act or omission occurred in any of the following:

29 (A) Nonsupport after establishment of paternity; or

30 (B) Delinquency; ~~and~~ or

31 (C) Dependency-neglect.

32 (3) Proceedings under UCCJA shall be commenced in the court  
33 provided by that subchapter.

34 (4) Adoptions and guardianships may be filed in a juvenile court  
35 which has previously asserted continuing jurisdiction of the juvenile.

36 (b) Following adjudication, the court may, on its own motion or on

1 motion of any party, transfer the case to the county of the juvenile's  
2 residence when the provisions of UCCJA do not apply."

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4 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 act are declared to be severable.

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

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*/s/Rep. Pollan*

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