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1 State of Arkansas
                                        A Bill
 2 81st General Assembly
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                                                                                 1976
 3 Regular Session, 1997
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 5 By: Representative Luker
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                              For An Act To Be Entitled
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           "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED & 9-15-204 AND
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          9-15-206 TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF A TEMPORARY ORDER OF
          PROTECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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                     "TO EXTEND THE DURATION OF A TEMPORARY
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                     ORDER OF PROTECTION"
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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         SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated 6 9-15-204 is amended to read as
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20 follows:
         "9-15-204. Hearing - Service.
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         (a) When a petition is filed pursuant to this chapter, the court shall
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23 order a hearing to be held thereon not later than fourteen (14) thirty (30)
24 days from the date on which the petition is filed or at the next court date,
25 whichever is later.
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         (b) Service shall be made upon the respondent at least five (5) days
27 prior to the date of the hearing. If service cannot be made on the
28 respondent, the court may set a new date for the hearing.
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         (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude the court from setting an
30 earlier hearing."
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         SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated ^{\circ} 9-15-206 is amended to read as
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33 follows:
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         "9-15-206. Temporary order.
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         (a) When any petition under this chapter alleges an immediate and
36 present danger of domestic abuse and the court finds sufficient evidence to
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- 1 support the petition, the court shall grant a temporary order of protection
- 2 pending a full hearing.
- 3 (b) An ex parte temporary order of protection may include any or all of
- 4 the orders provided for in  $^{\circ}$  9-15-201.
- 5 (c) A temporary order of protection shall be effective for a fixed
- 6 period not to exceed fourteen (14) thirty (30) days.
- 7 (d) When a temporary order is issued as authorized in this section, a
- 8 hearing shall be set for no later than ten (10) thirty (30) days from the
- 9 issuance of the temporary order.
- 10 (e) Upon the issuance of an ex parte temporary order, a copy of the
- 11 order together with a copy of the petition (excluding, pursuant to court
- 12 order, the address of the petitioner) and notice of the date and place set for
- 13 the full hearing shall be served in accordance with applicable rules of
- 14 service under the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure."

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- 16 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
- 17 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
- 18 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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- 20 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
- 21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
- 22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
- 23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
- 24 act are declared to be severable.

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- 26 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
- 27 hereby repealed.

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