

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 520

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 9-15-201 TO
9 AUTHORIZE EMPLOYERS OF ABUSED PERSONS TO FILE PETITIONS
10 FOR RELIEF UNDER THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO AUTHORIZE EMPLOYERS OF ABUSED
15 PERSONS TO FILE PETITIONS FOR RELIEF
16 UNDER THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT."

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-15-201 is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "9-15-201. Petition - Requirements generally.

23 (a) All petitions under this chapter shall be verified.

24 (b) The petition shall be filed in the county where the petitioner
25 resides, where the alleged incident of abuse occurred, or where the respondent
26 may be served.

27 (c) A petition for relief under this chapter shall be filed in the
28 chancery court.

29 (d) A petition may be filed by any family or household member, an
30 employer of an abused person, or on behalf of another family or household
31 member who is a minor or who has been adjudicated incompetent.

32 (e) A petition for relief shall allege the existence of domestic abuse
33 and shall be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath stating the specific
34 facts and circumstances of the domestic abuse and the specific relief sought.

35 (f) The petition may be filed regardless of whether there is any
36 pending litigation between the parties.

1 (g) A person's right to file a petition, or obtain relief hereunder
2 shall not be affected by his or her leaving the residence or household to
3 avoid abuse."

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.

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

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16 hereby repealed.

/s/Mahony