

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2063

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5 By: Representative Carson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 9-9-224 TO DELETE
10 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADOPTIVE
11 PARENTS AND THE CHILD TO BE ADOPTED BY GIVING NOTICE,
12 BUT NOT A COPY OF THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION, TO
13 REGISTERED PUTATIVE FATHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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21 REGISTERED PUTATIVE FATHERS."

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 9-9-224 is amended to read as follows:

27 "9-9-224. Child born to unmarried mother.

28 In all cases involving a child born to a mother unmarried at the time of the
29 child's birth, the following procedure shall apply:

30 (a) Upon filing of the petition for adoption and prior to the entry of
31 a decree for adoption a certified statement shall be obtained from the
32 putative father registry stating:

33 (1) The information contained in the registry in regard to the
34 child who is the subject of the adoption; or

35 (2) That no information is contained in the registry at the time
36 the petition for adoption was filed.

1 ~~(a)(b)~~ When information concerning the child is contained in the
 2 putative father registry at the time of the filing of the petition for
 3 adoption, notice of the adoption proceedings ~~a copy of the petition~~ shall be
 4 served on the registrant unless waived by the registrant in writing signed
 5 before a notary public. All confidential information regarding the adoptive
 6 parents and the child to be adopted shall be removed from the notice prior to
 7 being served to the registrant. Service of notice under this section shall be
 8 given in accordance with the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, except that
 9 notice by publication shall not be required.

10 ~~(b)(c)~~ Upon receipt of notice, the registrant, if he wishes to appear
 11 and be heard, shall file a responsive pleading within the time limits set in
 12 the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

13 ~~(c)~~ ~~Prior to the entry of a final decree of adoption or before an~~
 14 ~~interlocutory decree of adoption shall become final, a certified statement~~
 15 ~~shall be obtained from the putative father registry of:~~

16 ~~(1) The information contained in the registry in regards to the~~
 17 ~~child which is the subject of the adoption; or~~

18 ~~(2) The fact that no information was contained in the registry at the time~~
 19 ~~the petition was filed."~~

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

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 25 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 29 act are declared to be severable.

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