

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1781

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HEIRLOOM  
10 MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

13 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HEIRLOOM  
14 MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 9-11-203 is amended to read as follows:  
20 9-11-203. Issuance by clerks.

21 (a) The clerks of the county courts of the several counties in this  
22 state are required to furnish the license upon application being made, upon  
23 the clerk being fully assured that applicants are lawfully entitled to the  
24 license, and upon the receipt of his fee.

25 (b) It shall be lawful for clerks of the probate courts to issue  
26 marriage licenses in counties having two (2) judicial districts.

27 (c) In addition to the standard certificate of marriage issued under  
28 subsection (a), the county clerk shall offer and, upon payment of a fee  
29 established by regulation promulgated by the State Child Abuse and Neglect  
30 Prevention Board, issue an heirloom certificate of marriage.

31 (d)(1) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board shall adopt  
32 regulations for the design of the heirloom certificate and shall print and  
33 distribute the certificates to each county clerk in this state. The board may  
34 expend up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of money appropriated from  
35 the Children's Trust Fund for the printing, distribution, and promotion of the  
36 heirloom certificates during the biennial period ending June 30, 2003.

1           (2) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board shall set  
2 the amount of the fee for the heirloom certificates to exceed the estimated  
3 actual costs for the development and distribution of the certificates but not  
4 to exceed the estimated fair market value of a comparable artistic rendition.

5           (3) The fee is in addition to any other fee established by law  
6 for the issuance of a certificate of marriage.

7           (4) The additional fees from the sale of heirloom certificates  
8 shall be transmitted monthly by the county clerk to the State Treasurer for  
9 deposit in the State Treasury to the credit of the Children's Trust Fund.

10          (e) The heirloom certificate shall be in a form consistent with the  
11 need to protect the integrity of vital records and suitable for display. It  
12 may bear the seal of the state and may be signed by the governor.

13          (f) An heirloom certificate of marriage issued under this section has  
14 the same status as evidence as the standard certificate of marriage issued  
15 under subsection (a).

16          (g) Heirloom certificates may be issued for any marriage certificate  
17 issued at any time in this state, whether before or after the effective date  
18 of this act.

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