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.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/20/03 S4/11/03	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2003	HOUSE BILL	1469
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5	By: Representatives Green,	Edwards, Harris, Key, Norton, Oglesby, Penix, C. Taylor, Walters, Wo	od,
6	King, Thyer		
7	By: Senator Whitaker		
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10	For An Act To Be Entitled		
11	AN ACT	TO ALLOW THE COURT TO CONSIDER THE	
12	PREFERENCES OF THE CHILD WHEN AWARDING CHILD		
13	CUSTOD	Y AND VISITATION IN A DIVORCE ACTION; AND	
14	FOR OT	HER PURPOSES.	
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18	THE	PREFERENCES OF THE CHILD WHEN	
19	AWA	RDING CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION IN	
20	A D	IVORCE ACTION.	
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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25	SECTION 1. In	an action for divorce, or other proceeding, when	
26	determining custody of	or visitation of a minor child, the court may conside	r
27	the child's preferent	tial desire regarding issues of custody or visitation	, if
28	the child is of suff	icient age of comprehension, regardless of chronologi	<u>cal</u>
29	age, and the child's	preferences are based on sound reason.	
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