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## A Bill

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By: Representative Leding

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING BURIAL FURNITURE ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN SKELETAL BURIAL REMAINS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle<br>TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING BURIAL FURNITURE ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN SKELETAL BURIAL REMAINS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 13-6-404(a), concerning the conveyance of exhumed remains, is amended to read as follows:
(a)(1) If human skeletal burial remains are exhumed for relocation, then at the request of a direct descendant, that of a specific church, or that of a Native American tribal group recognized by the United States Government who can provide written or scientific documentation of such descent, or of direct church or tribal affiliation with the human skeletal burial remains, the human skeletal burial remains will be conveyed to such an individual or entity.
(2) If human skeletal remains are conveyed to an individual or entity under subdivision (a) (1) of this section, burial furniture exhumed with the human skeletal remains shall be conveyed to the individual or entity.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 13-6-405(b), concerning unclaimed human skeletal burial remains, is amended to read as follows:
(b) If not otherwise claimed as provided in this subchapter, skeletal burial remains and burial furniture shall be disposed of in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations for disposing of human remains.

