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A Bill

SENATE BILL 781

By: Senators Bledsoe, J. Hutchinson
By: Representatives D. Douglas, Ballinger, J. Burris, Collins, Farrer, Gillam, Payton, Scott

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A DECEDENT'S
ESTATE UPON HIS OR HER MURDER BY A SPOUSE; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A
DECEDENT'S ESTATE UPON HIS OR HER MURDER
BY A SPOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 28-11-204 is amended to read as follows:
28-11-204. Murder of spouse – Effect.

(a) Whenever a spouse shall kill or slay his or her spouse and the
killing or slaying would under the law constitute murder, either in the first
or second degree, and that spouse shall be convicted of murder for the
killing or slaying, in either the first or second degree, the one so
convicted shall not be endowed in the real or personal estate of the decedent
spouse so killed or slain.

(b) In the event that a decedent spouse under this section dies
without a will, the descendants of the one so convicted shall not benefit
from the estate of the decedent spouse unless the descendants of the decedent
spouse are also descendants of the victim.

