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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1783

5 By: Representative Rushing  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE VISITATION  
9 RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
14 VISITATION RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS AND  
15 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-103(b), concerning petitions for  
22 reasonable visitation filed by grandparents and great-grandparents, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (b) A grandparent or great-grandparent may petition a circuit court of  
25 this state for reasonable visitation rights with respect to his or her  
26 grandchild or grandchildren or great-grandchild or great-grandchildren under  
27 this section if:

28 (1) The marital relationship between the parents of the child  
29 has been severed by death, divorce, or legal separation;

30 (2) The child is illegitimate and the petitioner is a maternal  
31 grandparent of the illegitimate child; ~~or~~

32 (3) The child is illegitimate, the petitioner is a paternal  
33 grandparent of the illegitimate child, and paternity has been established by  
34 a court of competent jurisdiction;

35 (4) A new spouse of either parent of the child adopts the child;  
36 or



1                   (5) Either parent of the child is incapacitated, incarcerated,  
2 or has his or her parental rights terminated.

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