

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 777

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CHILD CUSTODY; AND
9 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

10 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CHILD
11 CUSTODY.
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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 § 9-13-101, concerning the award of custody*
20 *of a child, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*

21 *(f)(1) In all child custody cases, a child who is fourteen (14) years*
22 *of age or older shall have the right to select the parent whom the child*
23 *desires to be awarded custody of him or her.*

24 *(2) A child may select a custodial parent under this subsection*
25 *no more than one (1) time every two (2) years from the date of the previous*
26 *selection.*

27 *(3) A child's selection under this subsection is presumptive of*
28 *the best interest of the child unless the court determines after considering*
29 *other factors that an award of custody to the parent selected by the child is*
30 *not in the best interest of the child.*

31 *(4) A child's selection under this subsection is insufficient to*
32 *constitute a material change in circumstances in an action seeking a*
33 *modification of the custody of the child.*

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35 /s/L. Chesterfield
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