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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 835

By: Senator Irvin

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF  
MARRIAGE LICENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE  
OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-11-202(a), concerning the form of a  
marriage license, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The license may be in the following form:

“State of Arkansas,

County of . . . . .

To any person authorized by law to solemnize marriage:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the rites and publish the

banns of matrimony between A. B., age . . . . . years, and

D. C., age . . . . . years, according to law, and officially

sign and return this license to the parties herein named.

~~Witness my hand and~~ Issued with official seal, this . . . . .

day of . . . . , 20. . . . .

[L. S.]

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~~A. B., County Clerk”~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-11-203 is amended to add an additional  
subsection to read as follows:



(d) It is not a requirement that a marriage license be signed by a county clerk for the license to be effective.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-11-220(c), concerning the duty of the clerk and the issuance of the license, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The certificate shall be ~~signed officially by the clerk and~~ sealed with the county seal.

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