

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1783

By: Representative Rushing

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE VISITATION RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE VISITATION RIGHTS OF GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-103(b), concerning petitions for reasonable visitation filed by grandparents and great-grandparents, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

or



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