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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1464

By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING JURISDICTION OVER
A PERSON SEEKING TO ADOPT A MINOR; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING JURISDICTION
OVER A PERSON SEEKING TO ADOPT A MINOR.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-205(a)(2)(C), concerning when a person seeking to adopt is considered a resident of Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

(C) A person seeking to adopt is a resident of this state if the person:

(i) Occupies a dwelling within the state; and

(ii) Has a present intent to remain within the state for a period of time and manifests the genuineness of that intent by establishing an ongoing physical presence within the state together with indications that the person's presence within the state is something other than merely transitory in nature; ~~and~~

~~(iii) Manifests the genuineness of that intent by establishing an ongoing physical presence within the state together with indications that the person's presence within the state is something other than merely transitory in nature.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-9-205(a)(2), concerning how residency is



established for the purpose of adoption, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) Unless otherwise provided by law, a military service member who is deployed on orders of the State of Arkansas or of the United States Government does not forfeit his or her status as a resident of Arkansas if he or she:

(i) Resided in Arkansas for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of deployment; and

(ii) Has an intent to reside in Arkansas at the completion of his or her deployment.