

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 646

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By: Representative V. Flowers

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TEMPORARILY EXTENDING THE STATUTES OF
LIMITATION FOR ALL CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE
CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TEMPORARILY EXTENDING THE STATUTES OF
LIMITATION FOR ALL CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO
THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to address the lack of access to the courts and the suspension of the constitutional right to a jury trial in civil cases that occurred and are occurring due to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) by extending the statute of limitations for any statutory civil cause of action or a civil cause of action at common law for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date the Governor issued his Executive Order 20-03 establishing the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.

(b) As such, a limitation of action for a statutory civil cause of action or a civil cause of action at common law that expired after March 11, 2020, but before March 11, 2022, or that has not yet expired but is set to expire before March 11, 2022, is extended for twenty-four (24) months.

