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A Bill

SENATE BILL 507

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION
9 OF THE PREFERENCE OF A CHILD IN A CHILD CUSTODY
10 PROCEEDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
14 CONSIDERATION OF THE PREFERENCE OF A
15 CHILD IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-101, concerning the award of custody
22 of a child, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

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

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

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

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