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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 858

5 By: Senator Madison  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF NOTICE AND  
9 TO REQUIRE THAT PUTATIVE FATHERS BE PROVIDED NOTICE  
10 BEFORE AN ADOPTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND  
11 PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTION CODE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-212(a)(4), concerning hearings on  
26 adoption petitions, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
27 follows:

28 (4) At least twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, notice  
29 of the filing of the petition and of the time and place of hearing shall be  
30 given by the petitioner to:

31 (A) Any agency or person whose consent to the adoption is  
32 required by this subchapter but who has not consented; ~~and~~

33 (B) A person whose consent is dispensed with upon any  
34 ground mentioned in § 9-9-207(a)(1), (2), (6), (8), and (9); and

35 (C) Any putative father who has signed an acknowledgement  
36 of paternity or has registered with the state's Putative Father Registry.



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