



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 393

HOUSE BILL NO. 854

By Representatives Leatherwood, Sherrell, Slater, Littleton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 919

By Senators Rose, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, relative to children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113, is amended by deleting subsection (k) and substituting:

(k) The court shall ensure that the hearing on the petition takes place within six (6) months of the date that the petition is filed, unless the court determines an extension is in the best interest of the child. The court shall provide a ruling on the petition within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the hearing and shall enter an order that makes specific findings of fact and conclusions of law within thirty (30) days of the ruling. If an order has not been entered within thirty (30) days from the court's ruling, then the petitioner or respondent has grounds to request that the court of appeals grant an order expediting entry of the order.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-117, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(3) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

