

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
4

As Engrossed: H2/17/25

**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1432

5 By: Representatives *K. Moore, McCullough, Hudson*  
6 By: Senator Irvin  
7

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT OF 1991; TO  
10 CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISMISSAL FOR A LACK OF  
11 JURISDICTION OVER A PETITION FOR AN ORDER OF  
12 PROTECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
13  
14

**Subtitle**

15 TO AMEND THE DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT OF 1991;  
16 AND TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
17 DISMISSAL FOR A LACK OF JURISDICTION  
18 OVER A PETITION FOR AN ORDER OF  
19 PROTECTION.  
20  
21

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
23

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-15-204(a), concerning a hearing held on a  
25 petition for an order of protection, is amended to add an additional  
26 subdivision to read as follows:

27 (3) If the court lacks jurisdiction to rule on a petition under  
28 § 9-15-201, the court may dismiss a petition for an order of protection  
29 through a written order that specifies the basis for the lack of  
30 jurisdiction.  
31

32 /s/Moore  
33  
34  
35  
36

