

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 280

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

By Representative Fincher

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 97

By Senator Berke

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to divorce and legal separation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-4-106(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language, "It shall be mandatory that every complaint filed under this chapter shall contain the foregoing, and trial judges shall dismiss petitions and bills that do not contain the foregoing unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the court that such information could not be obtained by the complainant or petitioner by exercising due diligence.", and by substituting instead the following language:

It shall be mandatory that every complaint filed under this chapter shall contain the foregoing information or that such information is provided by the parties and is contained in the court's records as described above prior to the entry of the final decree of divorce, unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the court that such information could not be obtained by the complainant or petitioner by exercising due diligence or after the court has granted a reasonable time to amend the complaint.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to petitions for divorce or legal separation filed on or after July 1, 2009 and shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 4, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR