

SENATE BILL 1912  
By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to contested divorce proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section 36-4-1\_\_.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, petitions for divorce on contested grounds must be on file for sixty (60) days before such petition is heard if the parties have no unmarried child under eighteen (18) years of age, and must be on file at least ninety (90) days before such petition is heard if the parties have an unmarried child under eighteen (18) years of age. The sixty-day or ninety-day periods that such petitions for divorce which must be on file shall commence on the date the original petition was filed. No divorce shall be granted unless such minimum time period requirements are met.

(b) Waiver of service or waiver of filing any pleading by any party to petition for divorce on contested grounds shall not effect the minimum time periods set out in subsection (a) of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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