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Celebrating passage of the Heir Property Act!

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Heir Property Act: For Arkansas families and Arkansas communities.

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Heir Property Act becomes law in Arkansas!

Legislature gives unanimous, bipartisan support. February marked the culmination of our work to get the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act passed in Arkansas. [House Bill 1245](#) was filed on February 3 and became law, Act 107, on February 18. With primary sponsors Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd of El Dorado and Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson of Benton, the bill made smooth progress through the legislature with 129 legislators voting YEA. There were no votes against. Co-sponsors were Rep. Warwick Sabin, Sen. David Burnett, Sen. Joyce Elliott, Sen. Stephanie Flowers, and Sen. David Johnson. We are grateful to our elected officials for supporting this important and balanced legislation.

When Act 107 takes effect on January 1, 2016, Arkansas will join Alabama, Georgia, Montana, and Nevada as states that have the Heir Property Act. We wish every



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success to Hawaii, South Carolina, and Washington, DC, as their legislators consider the Act and we hope the remaining states will also soon pass this legislation.

Family land can help build communities.

Family assets. Community wealth. The Heir Property Act will help make family land an asset for Arkansas families by facilitating responsible property management. This is possible because the Heir Property Act carefully balances the interests of owners who want to retain their family land with the interests of owners who want to sell their share.

But it also promotes *community* wealth and development. How? When families maintain and develop their property and productively manage their land, the county not only spends less money clearing dilapidated structures and weed lots but also gets more tax revenue. Well maintained land means more money for county services and more money for community development. And that benefits everyone.

So we are very pleased that our elected officials supported this balanced legislation. It means good things for Arkansas families, Arkansas communities, and Arkansas's future.

Learn more about heir property.

Free webinar on Heirs' Property: Preventing Loss and Promoting Effective Utilization. Last summer, Thomas Mitchell, Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Jennie L. Stephens, Executive Director of the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation, spoke at an online seminar on ways that those who own heir property can retain their land and make their land more economically valuable. You can [listen on demand](#) any time and enjoy the webinar!

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- **Listen to an [interview](#) about the Heir Property Act.**
- **Start creating your family tree.**
- **Make an appointment for estate planning.**

Contact us

We want to hear from you! Send your questions, comments, and ideas to arheirpropertyact@gmail.com

Heir Property Act takes effect January 1, 2016:

Now that Act has passed, it's a good time to collect and organize family records, generate your family tree, begin estate planning, and consider ways to make your family land even more of an asset. We will have tips for doing these things and more on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). You may also want to review or share our [previous newsletters](#). The Heir Property Act will make a real difference for so many Arkansas families and Arkansas Communities. Thank you for supporting it!

Thanks to all our supporters!

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