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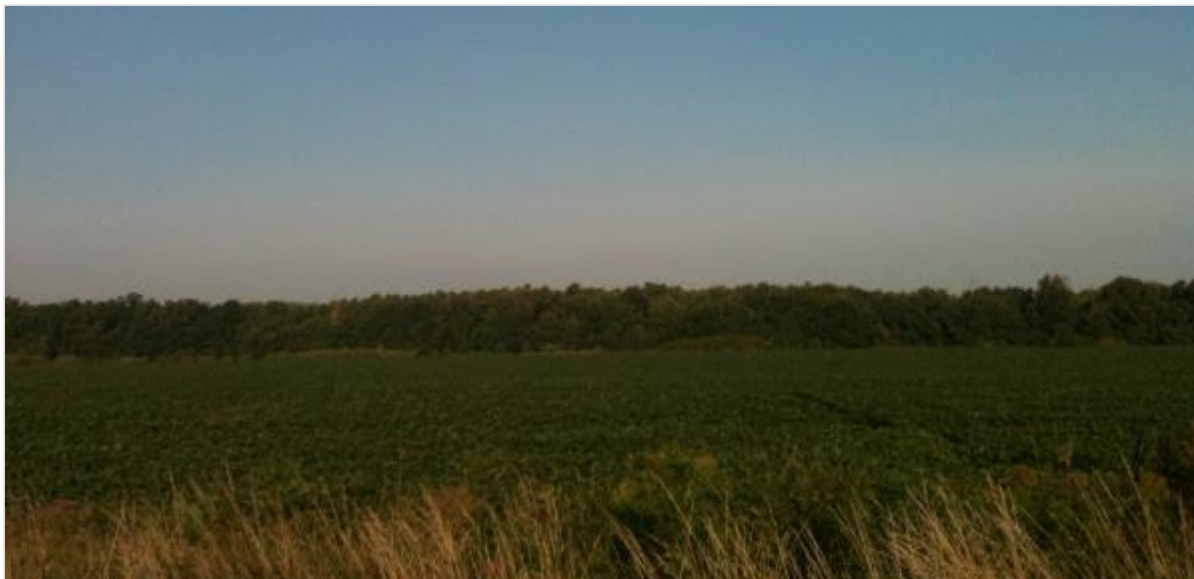
## Protect family land in Arkansas - Arkansas Heir Property Act

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Heir property FAQ, holiday conversation topics, and what you can do.

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### Heir Property and the Heir Property Act

**Heir property is** inherited, family-owned, real property (land) owned by multiple heirs with undivided interest.


The Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act would provide protections for heir property owners by balancing the rights of those who wish to keep the land in the family with the rights of family members who want to sell their share of the property at fair market value. The Act would only apply to heir property and has already been passed in several states. The Act would allow family members to purchase the share of a relative who wants to sell and it would help the seller get fair market value for his interest while keeping the land in the family. Learn more by viewing our [online tutorial](#).

We encourage Arkansas lawmakers to pass this important legislation that would protect family land and our shared Arkansas heritage.

Make sure to **share this information with your family**, perhaps over your holiday dinner table, so you'll understand why it's so important to pass the Heir Property Act in 2015.

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## Heir Property FAQ

### **I don't understand why is this needed. Heir property can't be sold, right?**

Wrong! It is a popular misconception that heir property cannot be sold. In fact, any co-owner (heir) can petition for sale no matter how small or recent their interest. And now when the property is sold, it is often sold at below market rate robbing the family of its inheritance. For these and other reasons, the protections provided by the Heir Property Act are critical for Arkansas families.

### **But what about family members that don't help with the upkeep or taxes?**

All co-owners (heirs) still have an interest in the property and can petition for sale, even if they have never contributed to the taxes or upkeep of the property or have only a small or recent interest in the property.

The Heir Property Act would help family members who want to retain the land, making it easier for them to keep it in the family and make it productive so that it benefits not just the family but also the economy of the larger community. And if a relative wants to sell her interest, The Act would allow family members the first option to buy.

## Looking to 2015

**Why 2015?** The Arkansas legislature only considers nonbudgetary issues in odd years so 2015 is the next opportunity to get the Heir Property Act introduced in and passed by the Arkansas Legislature.

We hope they will pass it, not only because of the protections it provides Arkansas families, but because of the potential community economic benefit that can come from well managed heir property, management facilitated by the Heir Property Act.

Be sure to ask your local legislators and legislative candidates to support the Heir Property Act. We'll include tips on those conversations in an upcoming newsletter.

## What you can do

**Learn more and spread the word!** Start by viewing our [online tutorial](#) and let us know if you have questions.

Next, join our [Facebook page](#) and recommend it to your friends and relatives you all can stay up to date with the latest developments in our effort to get the Heir Property Act passed.

Then, visit our [website](#). And if you received this newsletter from a friend, consider [subscribing](#) so you don't miss any information that can help your family and your community.

We look forward to being in touch with you!

## Holiday conversation topics

- How was your family land was acquired?
- What can your family do now to make it more productive and useful to your family and community?

## Contact us

**We want to hear from you!** Send your questions, comments, and ideas to [arheirpropertyact@gmail.com](mailto:arheirpropertyact@gmail.com). And when you do, be sure to include your county. We're looking for supporters in all 75 Arkansas counties.

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