

Alabama Parent-Child Relationship Act
Act No. 2003-364

This act is known as and may be cited as the “ Alabama Parent-Child Relationship Protection Act” and promotes the general philosophy in this state that children need both parents.

Alabama law now requires each party to an action who **has either custody of or the right of visitation with a child** to notify other parties who has custody of or the right of visitation with the child of any change of principal residence and telephone number, or both, and of any change or proposed change of principal residence and telephone number or numbers of the child. The provisions of this act shall not apply to a change of principal residence of a child to a residence that is 60 miles or less from the residence of a non-locating parent, unless such change results in the child living in a different state. This is a continuing duty and remains in effect as to each child subject to the custody or visitation provisions of decrees entered by this court until such child reaches the age of majority or becomes emancipated and for so long as party is entitled to custody of or visitation with a child covered by orders entered by the court. If there is to be a change of principal residence by party or by a child subject to custody or visitation provisions of any orders issued by this court, you must provide the following information to each other person who has custody or visitation rights as follows:

- (a) The intended new residence, including the specific street address, if known.
- (b) The mailing address, if not the same as the street address.
- (c) The telephone number or numbers at such residence, if known.
- (d) If applicable – the name, address and telephone number of the school to be attended by a child, if known.
- (e) The date of the intended change of principal residence of a child.
- (f) A statement of the specific reasons for the proposed change of principal residence of a child, if applicable.
- (g) A proposal for a revised schedule of custody of or visitation with a child, if any.
- (h) A warning to the non-locating person that an objection to the relocation must be made within 30 days of receipt of the notice or the relocation will be permitted.
- (i) Unless a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and are being transferred or relocated pursuant to a non-voluntary order of the government, a warning to the non-locating person that an objection to the relocation must be made within 30 days of receipt of the notice or the relocation will be permitted.

Notice must be given by certified mail of the proposed change of principal residence on or before the 45th day before a proposed change of principal residence. If you do not know and cannot reasonably become aware of such information in sufficient time to provide a 45 day notice, notice must be given by certified mail not later than the 10th day after the date that you obtain such information.

If the non-locating party does not commence an action seeking a temporary or permanent order to prevent the change of principal residence of a child within 30 days after receipt of notice of the intent to change the principal residence of a child, the change of principal residence is authorized.