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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
85TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 1989**

Introduced by Reps. Spaniola, Rocca, Clack and Stabenow

**ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4685**

AN ACT to amend section 9 of chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, entitled "Of divorce," being section 552.9 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 9 of chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, being section 552.9 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. (1) A judgment of divorce shall not be granted by a court in this state in an action for divorce unless the complainant or defendant has resided in this state for 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the complaint and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), the complainant or defendant has resided in the county in which the complaint is filed for 10 days immediately preceding the filing of the complaint.

(2) A person may file a complaint for divorce in any county in the state without meeting the 10-day requirement set forth in subsection (1) if all of the following apply and are set forth in the complaint:

- (a) The defendant was born in, or is a citizen of, a country other than the United States of America.
- (b) The parties to the divorce action have a minor child or children.
- (c) There is information that would allow the court to reasonably conclude that the minor child or children are at risk of being taken out of the United States of America and retained in another country by the defendant.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved.....

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Governor.

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