

INFORMATION FOR FILING A PRO SE DIVORCE IN BASTROP COUNTY

THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE DOES NOT SUPPLY FORMS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR DIVORCE. **WE ARE NOT ATTORNEYS AND ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM GIVING ANY LEGAL ADVICE.**

If you intend to represent yourself "Pro Se" (without the assistance of an attorney) you must have knowledge to prepare and file the necessary pleadings and present your cause to the Court.

The only suggestion or advice that we can offer is that you purchase a book on "How to do your Divorce in Texas", go to a Law Library or Public library to research the necessary information, or see an attorney.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING YOUR OWN DIVORCE:

1. Bring your Original Petition and 2 copies to the District Clerk's office to be filed.
2. The filing fees are to be paid at time of filing and will vary. Please contact our office to make sure you have the correct fees.
3. Your petition will be filed and assigned a cause number and court. Please have this information available when contacting our office concerning your case.
4. The petition must be on file for at least 60 days before the final hearing can be held.
5. You are responsible for setting your hearing. You may call our office 45 days after filing and set your hearing date.
6. When you come to the courthouse for your final hearing, bring your complete Divorce Decree, the required & completed Vital Statistic form, and your completed "What to say to the Judge" form.
7. Report to the assigned courtroom and wait for the Court to call your case. The Judge cannot assist you with your divorce. You must know how to present your case in the courtroom.
8. If you or your spouse will be receiving child support, you must return to the District Clerk's Office and give required information to set up your child support account that will be collected and disbursed through the State Disbursement Unit.
9. Pursuant to Local Court Rules,
 - In ALL suits affecting parent-child relationship filed in Bastrop County, Texas, involving children under the age of 18, all parties shall successfully complete a seminar that addresses the issues confronting the children that are the subject of divorce, custody, and child support litigation. Each party is responsible for payment of the appropriate fee.
 - A party's failure to attend the seminar pursuant to this rule will result in contempt, sanctions, postponement of the final hearing and entry of a final decree.
 - Information on this required seminar is available in the District Clerk's Office.

YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE CERTIFIED COPY AT THIS TIME. ADDITIONAL COPIES ARE CHARGED AT .50 CENTS A PAGE FOR REGULAR COPIES AND \$1.00 PER PAGE FOR CERTIFIED COPIES.

THANK YOU,

SARAH LOUCKS, DISTRICT CLERK, BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS.
TO SET HEARINGS IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW, CALL 512-581-7190
TO SET HEARINGS IN THE 423RD DISTRICT, CALL 512-581-4037