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COUNTIES:

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Pro-se Divorce Procedures in the District Courts
of Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen and San Patricio Counties
36th, 156th & 343rd Judicial District Courts

The PETITIONER (the party who filed the Divorce) must do the following:

1. Either: **Serve** the Respondent (the non-filing party) as stated in the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; **or,**

File a Waiver of Citation that is dated and signed by Respondent **after** the date the Petition for Divorce is filed. If the Waiver is signed the same day the Divorce Petition is filed the Waiver must be filed **AFTER** the petition and must have a different time stamped by the District Clerk's office.

2. When all of the, requirements **BELOW** are known and completed, the Petitioner may call the Court Administrator, of the court that the divorce was filed in, at the number listed below to request a court date.

Before requesting a court setting the Petitioner **MUST**:

A. Know your child support case number, if you have one, as the divorce and child support (Attorney General) cases must be consolidated;

B. Have attended the family counseling program, if children are involved and so **MUST** their spouse (exemptions may be granted, when requested);

C. Know the divorce case number and filing date;

D. **MUST** Know the date of service or the date the Waiver of Citation was filed or whether the Respondent filed an Answer or has an Attorney;

E. Have a Divorce Decree with all blanks filled in (including child support) and a vital statistics form (obtained from the clerk) placed in their Divorce file in the Clerk's office.

F. File a Certificate of Last Known Address and Non-Military Affidavit with the District Clerk's Office if the Respondent was served and did not file an Answer or sign the Divorce Decree.

If the Respondent was not served, there is no waiver of service or no answer by the Respondent or a Decree of Divorce in the clerk's file then a court date **will not** be set.

Petitioner's must keep the District Clerk's office notified of their current mailing and email address. If the Clerk's file does not have a correct address the case may be dismissed and the filing fees will be lost and a new case would then need to be filed with new filing fees.

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