

## **INFORMATION FOR FILING A DIVORCE – PRO SE – FREESTONE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE **DOES NOT** SUPPLY FORMS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR DIVORCE.  
**WE ARE NOT AN ATTORNEY 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 the 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 go to a Law 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: Divorce where spouse signs a waiver .....\$243.00 OR Divorce with a citation in Freestone County .....\$336.00 - Due at the time of filing.
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. The District Clerk's phone number is 903-389-2534. Our hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
4. The petition must be on file for at least 60 days before the final hearing can be held.
5. After the 60 days have expired and your paperwork is in order, you may appear before the Court to have the final decree entered. To obtain a hearing call or write the District Court Coordinator.
6. When you come to the courthouse for your final hearing bring you Original Decree and **2** copies, and the completed vital statistic forms (VS-165) required.
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 a child support account that will be collected and disbursed thru the State Disbursement Unit in San Antonio.

YOU MAY ALSO RECEIVE CERTIFIED COPIES OF YOUR DECREE AT THIS TIME. THE COST IS \$1 PER PAGE.

**WE ARE SORRY THAT WE CANNOT LEGALLY HELP YOU WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

THANK YOU,

JANET CHAPPELL  
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