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COUNTIES:
ARANSAS
BEE
LIVE OAK
MCMULLEN
SAN PATRICIO

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 <u>after</u> the date the Petition for Divorce is filed.

2. When all of the, requirements **BELOW** are known/completed, the Petitioner may call or email the Court Administrator, of the court that the divorce was filed in, to request a court date. You must include your case number in any request.

Before requesting a court setting the Petitioner MUST:

- A. Have your child support case (if any), CONSOLIDATED INTO your Divorce case, by calling the Attorney General Child Support Office, if applicable.
- **B.** Have attended the family counseling program, if children are involved and so **MUST** their spouse (exemptions may be granted, when requested);
- **D.** Have a <u>Divorce Decree</u> 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.
- E. 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 no Decree of Divorce in the clerk's file then a court date <u>will not</u> be set. All blanks must be filled out in the Divorce Decree prior to seeing the Judge.

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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