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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  
36<sup>th</sup>, 156<sup>th</sup> & 343<sup>rd</sup> 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 **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. Before requesting a court setting the Pro Se Petitioner **MUST**:

A. Have attended the family counseling program, if children are involved and so **MUST** their spouse (certain exceptions exist for out of area spouses);

B. Know the divorce case number and filing date

C. 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;

D. Know the Attorney General case number (if there is one) and have it referenced in the Decree;

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

When all of the above requirements have been completed, the Pro Se 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.

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. **All blanks must be filled out in the Divorce Decree prior to seeing the Judge.**

The Pro Se Petitioner must keep the District Clerk's office notified of their current 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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