

Self-Represented Litigant Divorce :

Robertson County District Clerk

THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE DOES NOT SUPPLY FORMS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR DIVORCE UNLESS THERE IS NO REAL PROPERTY OR CHILDREN. WE ARE NOT ATTORNEYS AND ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM GIVING ANY LEGAL ADVICE.

If you intend to represent yourself "Pro Se", without 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 we can offer is you purchase a book on how to do your divorce in Texas, or go to a Law Library to research the necessary information. We recommend you speak with an attorney, or visit the following websites: <http://forms.findlaw.com/> or www.TexasLawHelp.org.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING YOUR OWN DIVORCE:

1. Bring your Original Petition and two additional copies to the District Clerk's office to be filed.
2. Bring the correct filing fee for your divorce (cash, money order, and credit/debit cards).
 - a. If your spouse agrees to sign a Waiver of Service your fee is -- \$350.00
 - b. If your spouse refuses to sign a Waiver of Service, issuance of a citation will be necessary. Your fee is -- \$358.00 (*Our office can only issue the citation -- it is your responsibility to have the citation served. All fees are due at the time of filing.*)
3. Your petition will be filed and assigned a cause number for the 82nd Judicial District Court. **Please have this information available when contacting our office concerning your case.** The District Clerk's phone number is (979) 828-3636. Our office hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
4. The petition must be on file for a minimum of 60 days, along with the waiver of service or served citation, before the final hearing can be held.
5. After the 60 days have expired and all paperwork is in order you may appear before the Court to have your final decree entered. **To obtain a hearing, you must contact the court coordinator of the 82nd Judicial District Court at (254) 883-1421.**
6. When you come to the courthouse for your final hearing, you **must** bring the original Decree of Divorce, along with 2 copies, and the completed VS-165 Bureau of Vital Statistics form.
7. Report to the 82nd Judicial District courtroom, located on the third floor of the courthouse annex building, 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.**

YOU MAY RECEIVE TWO (2) CERTIFIED COPIES OF YOUR DECREE AT THIS TIME -- FREE OF CHARGE. IF COPIES ARE REQUESTED AT A LATER DATE THE COST WILL BE \$1.00 PER PAGE.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR BEING UNABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY INFORMATION, BUT PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (979) 828-3636 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

Thank you,
BARBARA W. AXTELL
District Clerk -- Robertson County, Texas