

Cause Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Name Change of:

In the \_\_\_\_\_

District Court  County Court at Law

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Print the child's current name - first, middle, last.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

A Child

## Petition to Change the Name of a Child

### 1. Discovery Level

The discovery level in this case, if needed, is Level 2.

### 2. Petitioner

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

I am the **Petitioner**, the person asking the Court to change the name of a child.

The last three numbers of Petitioner's driver's license number are: \_\_\_\_\_.

Petitioner's driver's license was issued in (*state*) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or**  I do not have a driver's license.

The last three numbers of my social security number are: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or**  I do not have a social security number.

I am the child's: (*Check one.*)

Nonparent Managing Conservator or

Legal Guardian.

### 3. Respondent A – Child's Parent (*Check a or b.*)

a.  Respondent A is the child's parent. The child's parent's name is:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print full name of the child's parent.*

Respondent A (the child's parent) is the child's:

*(Check one.)*

Managing Conservator

Possessory Conservator

Neither. No conservatorship order is in place between the parent and the child.

*(Check one.)*

I think Respondent A will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent A with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address City State Zip*

If this is a work address, name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent A by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent A. I ask that Respondent A be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent A.

b.  There is no Respondent A because: *(Check one.)*

the child's parent is dead. *(Attach a copy of the death certificate.)*

the child's parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. *(Attach a copy of the court order of termination.)*

#### 4. Respondent B – Child's Parent *(Check a or b.)*

a.  Respondent B is the child's parent. The child's parent's name is:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Print full name of the child's parent.*

Respondent B (the child's parent) is the child's:

*(Check one.)*

Managing Conservator

Possessory Conservator

Neither. No conservatorship order is in place between the parent and the child.

*(Check one.)*

I think Respondent B will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent B with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

If this is a work address, name of business: \_\_\_\_\_

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent B by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent B. I ask that Respondent B be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent B.

b.  There is no Respondent B because: *(Check one.)*

the child's parent is dead. *(Attach a copy of the death certificate.)*

the child's parent's parental rights have been terminated by court order. *(Attach a copy of the court order of termination.)*

#### 5. Respondent C – Other Person with Legal Relationship *(Check a or b.)*

a.  Respondent C's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

*Print Respondent C's full name.*

Respondent C is the child's *(Check one.)*

Nonparent Managing Conservator or

Legal Guardian

*(Check one.)*

I think Respondent C will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent C with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

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*Street Address*

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent C by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent C. I ask that Respondent C be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent C.

b.  There is no Respondent C. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

## 6. Respondent D – Other Person with Legal Relationship *(Check a or b.)*

a.  Respondent D's name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Respondent C's full name.*

Respondent D is the child's *(Check one.)*

Nonparent Managing Conservator or

Legal Guardian

*(Check one.)*

I think Respondent D will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent D with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

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*Street Address*

*City*

*State*

*Zip*

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent D by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent D. I ask that Respondent D be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent D.

b.  There is no Respondent D. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

## 7. Respondent E – Other Person with Legal Relationship *(Check a or b.)*

a.  Respondent E's name is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Respondent C's full name.*

Respondent E is the child's *(Check one.)*

Nonparent Managing Conservator or

Legal Guardian

*(Check one.)*

I think Respondent E will sign a Waiver of Service (or Answer).

I will have a sheriff, constable, process server, or clerk serve Respondent E with this Petition to Change the Name of a Child at this address:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address* *City* *State* *Zip*

I ask the clerk to issue Citation of Service (the form necessary to provide legal notice to Respondent E by "Official Service of Process"). I understand that I will need to pay the fee (or file a Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs form to show the Court that I am unable to pay the fee) and arrange for service.

I cannot find Respondent E. I ask that Respondent E be served by publication. I understand I must file an Affidavit for Citation by Publication and hire a lawyer to serve as attorney ad litem for Respondent E.

- b.  There is no Respondent E. No other person has a legal relationship with the child. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.

## 8. Child's Information

The child's information is as follows:

a. Child's Current name: \_\_\_\_\_

*First* *Middle* *Last*

b. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **or**  The child does not have a Social Security #.

d. Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Month / Day / Year*

e. Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*City* *State* *Country*

f. Consent by Child (*Check one.*)

- Child is younger than 10 years old. Consent is not required.
- Child is 10 years old or older and has consented in writing to this name change.

g. Sex Offender Registration (*Check one.*)

- The child **is not** required to register as a sex offender.
- The child **is** required to register as a sex offender. Proof that the child has notified local law enforcement of the proposed name change is attached to this Petition. The requested name change is in the best interest of the public.

h. Are there any court orders about the child already in place? (*Check one.*)

- There are no court orders regarding the child.
- A court made orders involving the child in the following case:

Case/Cause Number \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

*County* *State*

Case type: \_\_\_\_\_

Print the case type (custody, support, divorce, paternity, etc.)

## 9. Name Change Request

a. I ask the Court to change the child's name to:

\_\_\_\_\_

*First* *Middle* *Last*

b. I want to change the child's name because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. I believe the requested name change is in the child's best interest.

### 10. Request for Judgment

I ask the Court to order the child's name changed as requested above. I ask for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your Printed Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Mailing Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*State*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Zip*

*Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Fax #  
(if any)*

### 11. Petitioner's Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury

My name is:\_\_\_\_\_. My date of birth is\_\_\_\_\_.

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_.

My email address is\_\_\_\_\_. My phone number is:\_\_\_\_\_.

**I declare under penalty of perjury that all information in this Petition to Change the Name of a Child is true and correct.**

Completed and formally signed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County,



\_\_\_\_\_  
*Your Signature*