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Terri Pirtle Willard, District Clerk

Rusk County Texas, County Court at Law Standing Order REGARDING PROOF OF IDENTITY OF A CHILD'S PARENTS IN A SUIT AFFECTING PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

No party to this lawsuit has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a standing Order of the Rusk County Court at Law that applies in every Suit Affecting the Parent Child Relationship filed in Rusk County. This Order shall remain in effect for the entirety of the lawsuit, unless modified or deleted by further Order of this Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: In a Suit Affecting the Parent Child Relationship, the petitioner shall submit to the court a certified copy of the child's birth certificate if available to the petitioner. If a certified copy of the child's birth certificate is not available to the petitioner, the court at any time during the pendency of the suit may request another party to whom a certified copy of the child's birth certificate is available to submit a copy to the court. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate submitted must be submitted for filling under seal and filed separately from any other document. If a certified copy of the child's birth certificate is not available to any party or if the copy does not name both of the child's parents, the court may request from any party at any time during the pendency of the suit alternative proof of the identity of the child's parents. The court shall seal or otherwise keep confidential any certificate or other proof submitted.

If the Title IV-D agency files a petition in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, the agency is not required to submit to the court a copy of a child's birth certificate or other proof of the identity of the child's parents.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk return the original and make receipt for, once the suit has been disposed and past the point of appeal, the child's certified copy of the birth certificate and/or alternative supporting documents as proof of the identity of the child's parents, to the party that provided this document(s).

This Rusk County Court at Law Standing Order Regarding Proof of Identity of a Child's Parents in a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

JUDGE CHAD DEAN