

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.)* parent nonparent managing conservator or legal guardian.

3. Respondent A – Other Parent *(Check a or b.)*

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

Print full name of the child's other parent.

(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 an Affidavit of Indigency or Declaration of Indigency 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 other parent is dead. *(Attach a copy of the death certificate.)*

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

4. Respondent B – Other Person with Legal Relationship (Check a or b.)

- a. There is no Respondent B. No other person has a legal relationship with the child.
- b. Respondent B's name is: _____
Print Respondent B's full name.

Respondent B is the child's (Check one.)

- Nonparent Managing Conservator or Guardian
- Second Parent (Only if the Petitioner is not the child's parent.)

(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*

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 an Affidavit or Declaration of Indigency 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.

5. 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.
- 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.)

6. 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.

7. 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)*

8. 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