

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CRIME RECORDS DIVISION Access & Dissemination Bureau



SUBMISSION OF FINGERPRINT CARDS TO DPS/FBI FOR ADULT LEGAL NAME CHANGE

The Texas Family Code, Section 45.102, requires that each petition include a legible and complete set of the adult petitioner's fingerprints on a fingerprint card format acceptable to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

WHERE TO GET FINGERPRINTS TAKEN: The petitioner may call 1-888-467-2080 to schedule an appointment to be fingerprinted at a "Print and Go" FAST location or access the website at www.identogo.com and select Option B – Fingerprint Cards. Fingerprints cannot be transmitted to DPS electronically. The fee for this fingerprinting service is \$20.00, includes two fingerprint cards. Petitioner is required to submit only one (1) fingerprint card and all other required information to DPS by mail. *Additional fingerprint cards may be required if prints are rejected*

FEES: Under the authority of Chapter 411.088, Texas Government Code, DPS charges a \$15.00 fee and the FBI a \$13.25 fee for processing State and Federal background checks. A cashier's check, certified check, personal check or money order made payable to Texas DPS in the amount of \$28.25 must be attached to the fingerprint card, along with a copy of the court filed petition.

INFORMATION ON THE CARDS: All cards submitted to DPS by mail must include a complete set of legible fingerprints and the following information about the petitioner and court being petitioned:

<u>Please be advised that extreme care should be taken in following the directions below to alleviate any delay in processing the request.</u>

-Full Printed – must be your current legal name

-Signature (Must match Current Legal Name)

-Date printed & signature of official

-Petitioner's/Attorney's Mailing Address (Residence of person Fingerprinted)

-Reason Fingerprinted (Adult Legal Name Change - Family Code Section 45.001)

-Place of birth (POB)

-Driver License Number (in the MNU field)

-Sex

-Date of Birth

-Social Security Number

-Cause/Case Number (in the OCA field)

-Race

-Court stamped copy of filed petition

A stamped copy of the <u>filed</u> petition MUST be attached to the fingerprint card and include the District Court number and Cause/Case number.

Please Note: The Texas Department of Public Safety will not re-send fingerprint results after 60 days from the date DPS processed the applicant's fingerprints.

WHERE TO SEND COMPLETED CARDS:

Mail completed fingerprint card and payment:
Texas Department of Public Safety
Central Cash Receiving
P. O. Box 15999
Austin, Texas 78761-5999

WHERE RESPONSES WILL BE SENT: Responses, other than rejects, will be sent from DPS directly to the court.

QUESTIONS: For questions, call the Criminal History Inquiry Unit at (512) 424-2474, Option 2.

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