

STATES WITH PUTATIVE FATHER REGISTRY LAWS

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Alabama	Must register prior to or within 30 days of the birth	Must file a child support income statement or affidavit at time of registering	Failure to register within 30 days of the birth implies irrevocable consent to any adoption proceeding	Termination is automatic after the 30 day time period.	Putative father may at any time revoke a notice of intent to claim paternity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any court upon request Any person upon a court order for good cause
Arizona	Must register prior to or within 30 days of the birth	Must show willingness and intent to support the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure to register within 30 days of the birth is a waiver of right to notice and consent is no longer required Exceptions: if the father can prove that it was impossible for him to file within the 30 day period and that he did file within 30 days of when it became possible to do so. Lack of knowledge of pregnancy is not an acceptable reason for failure to file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Putative father consents or waives his rights; or A diligent search of the registry has been conducted, with no finding of a matching father. 	No Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The court The division A licensed adoption agency or attorney participating or assisting in a direct placement adoption.
Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May register prior to child's birth Must be registered prior to the filing of a petition for adoption. 	No Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights are terminated when the father has not registered by the time the adoption petition was filed. 	No Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must submit a signed and notarized statement that, to the best of his knowledge, he is not the father. Revocation is effective only after the birth of the child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth mother Child Registrant Dep. Of Human Services Arkansas Courts Attorneys Office of Child Support Enforcement
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May file a claim of paternity prior to child's birth Must be filed 	<u>Child over 6 months:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The father must have developed a substantial relationship with 	Rights are terminated with no need of further notice or consent when the father fails to file with the registry before the petition is filed for termination of parental rights or if the substantial support or relationship	A certificate must be issued stating that a diligent search has been made of the registry and that no matching putative	A registrant may, at any time prior to the birth of the child, execute a notarized writing revoking a claim of paternity and	No Information

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	prior to the filing of a petition for termination of parental rights	the child; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supported the child financially; and • visited or communicated regularly <u>Child under 6 months:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If he had actual knowledge of the pregnancy, the father must have paid a fair share of the related expenses 	requirements have not been met.	fathers have been found.	making it null and void	
Georgia	May register before or after the birth of the child.	A show of support is not necessary, but the registry requirement is replaced if the father has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lived with the child • Contributed to support • Made any attempt to legitimate the child; or • Provided support or medical care for the birth mother 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights are terminated if father fails to register or show support for the child • Rights are terminated if the father fails to file a petition to legitimate the child within 30 days of receipt of notice of termination proceedings. 	When the petitioner for the termination of parental rights provides a certificate stating that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the registry has been diligently, but fruitlessly searched ; and • a putative father has not lived with, supported or attempted to legitimate the child; THEN, it shall be presumed that father is not entitled to notice of the adoption proceedings. 	Voluntary Acknowledgement of paternity may be rescinded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The governmental department, bureau, board, commission, agency or political subdivision of any state • Licensed child-placing agencies • Members of the Georgia Bar.

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Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May register before or after child's birth • Must be registered prior to placement or any adoption proceedings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must show intent and willingness to support within his ability • Must move to legally establish paternity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to register will constitute an abandonment of the child and shall be <i>prima facie</i> evidence of sufficient grounds to terminate rights. • If registered, father has 10 days upon receiving notice, to show his intent 	State Registrar of vital statistics will issue a certificate stating that a diligent search has been made and no matching father has registered.	No Information	Access to records can only be attained pursuant to the procedures set forth in Ch. 3, Title 9 of the Idaho Code.
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May register before birth of the child • Must be registered within 30 days of the birth 	No Information	Rights may be terminated, at the court's discretion, if the father has not registered within 30 days of the birth.		No Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospective Adoptive Parents • Birth Mother • Child Welfare Agency • Attorney representing a party.
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May file before the birth • Must be filed within 30 days of the birth, or by the date the adoption proceedings begin, whichever occurs later 	No Information	Failure to register according to the specified guidelines constitutes the father's irrevocable implied consent to the adoption		Registration may be revoked at any time by submitting a signed, notarized statement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrant • Birth Mother • The child • Any party or attorney involved in the adoption • Child-placing agency • Court presiding over the adoption
Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May file prior to the child's birth • Must be filed by the date of the filing of the petition for termination of 	No Information	Failure to register within the specified time period results in termination of the putative father's rights.		Information may be revoked by submission of a written statement signed and acknowledged by the registrant before a notary public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth mother • Court • D.H.S. • Attorney • Child Support recovery unit • Any other person upon court order

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	rights.					for good cause shown.
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May file before or after child's birth • Must file by date mother surrenders the child • If served with Notice of Intent to Surrender, must file notice of opposition within 15 days of service or, for an unborn child, within 5 days of birth or 15 days of service of the notice, whichever is later 	Court considers attempted legitimation and financial support in hearings to determine course of adoption proceedings.	A registered putative father has 15 days after receiving notice of adoption or surrender to file a notice of opposition.	Court declares termination for any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • failure to register in a timely manner • when registered, failure to file a timely notice of opposition • failure to show parental fitness 	No Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any court • Authorized Agencies • Any person upon order of court for good cause shown
Minnesota	Must file within 30 days of the child's birth	No Information	If registered a father fails to initiate a paternity action within 30 days after receiving a notice of adoption, his rights are terminated, unless he can prove it was not possible to file within the time period, and that he registered within 10 days of becoming able	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registry must be searched before the adoption can be granted and father's right's terminated • Unregistered father's rights 	No Information	Registry information is sent to the birth mother

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Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May file prior to child's birth Must file a notice of intent to claim paternity within 15 days of the child's birth 	No Information	Rights are terminated when a father fails to register within 15 days of the child's birth.	Upon the court's determination	May revoke the notice of intent to claim paternity at any time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any court , agency or person upon court order for good cause shown Dep. of Social Services Child's parents An intermediary (attorney, physician, clergyman, etc.)
Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May file prior to child's birth Must file within 72 hours of child's birth 	No Information	If the putative father has received personal notice or notice by publication, and he fails to attend the adoption hearing, his parental rights are terminated.	Rights are terminated by the court only after the summons to notify the putative father has been fulfilled	Unless a child support order has been issued, a putative father may revoke registration at any time with a signed and notarized statement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department Adopt. Agency Prospective adoptive parents or their attorney Any woman who is the subject of a registration
Nebraska	Must file within 5 business days after the child's birth, within 5 business days after the receipt of notice of adoption proceedings or within 5 business days after the last date of any published notice, whichever is later.	A father may only veto an adoption by filing for custody, therefore, support after the fact is implied.	Putative father's rights are forfeited when he: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fails to register Fails to initiate a custody proceeding within 30 days of filing a notice to obtain custody. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If father fails to register or comply with registration guidelines, termination is automatic Once the case is in the county courts, termination is at the discretion of the judge. 	A putative father may revoke a paternity claim for notification purposes or a notice of intent to claim paternity and obtain custody.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depts. of correctional services, and health & human services Any person authorized by law or upon court order for good cause shown.
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May file before child's 	No Information	If a registered father fails to respond to an adoption petition within 30 days of	Court determined	A registrant may ay any time revoke a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any court Dept. of Health

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • birth • Must file within 10 days after child's birth 		notice, his consent is implied and treated as voluntary by the courts.		notice of intent to claim paternity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitioner's Attorney • An Agency • Any other person upon court order for good cause
New York	May file an intent to claim paternity before or after child's birth	Must appear at the adoption hearing to demonstrate an interest in the child	The father's failure to appear to contest the proceedings shall constitute a denial of his interest in the child which may result, without further notice, in the adoption or other disposition of the custody of the child	Court determined	A registrant may ay any time revoke a notice of intent to claim paternity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any court • Authorized agencies • Any other person upon a court order for good cause shown
Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May register before child's birth • Must file within 30 days of child's birth 	May not willfully abandon the child or the mother	Father's rights are terminated if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He fails to register • He has willfully abandoned the child • He willfully abandoned the mother during her pregnancy or up until the time of surrendering her rights • The child was conceived by rape 	A certified document dated no earlier than 31 days after the birth of the child, must be filed and state that there is no PF registered or that his rights are deemed terminated because of the previously mentioned provisions	No Information	No Information
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May register before or after child's birth • Must be registered before adoption proceedings commence to receive notice 	Putative father's consent is not required if for 12 consecutive months out of the past 14, he has willfully refused or neglected to communicate with and contribute to the support of the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If he has registered, a father will be given at least 15 days notice of a hearing to terminate rights. Failure to appear will result in termination of his rights • Rights may be terminated at a later point if he has failed to meet the support requirements. 	Birthmother must file a petition to terminate parental rights of the father with county court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If father appears at the hearing, the court decides whether to terminate • If father fails to appear, termination is 	Putative father may revoke a notice of intent to claim paternity at any time by submitting a signed, notarized statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any court • Authorized Agency • Any other person deemed necessary receive such information by the Dept. of Human Services • Those showing good cause to access

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Oregon	Must file notice of the initiation of paternity adjudication proceedings prior to the child being placed in the physical custody of a person for the purpose of adoption	If paternity is not established, putative father is entitled to notice if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child has resided with him in the last 60 days; or • He has provided support or tried to provide support in the last year 	Rights are terminated if the putative father does not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • initiate adjudication proceedings; • fulfill support requirements; or • respond to notice of adoption proceedings by appearance in court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termination is automatic if putative father fails to meet required conditions. • If before the court, the decides whether father is fit and willing to assume parental responsibility and rules accordingly 	No Information	No Information
Tennessee	Must register prior to or within 30 days of the child's birth	No Information	Rights are terminated if putative father: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fails to register; • registers, but fails to file a complaint for parentage or intervene in the adoption proceedings within 30 days of receiving notice of the adoption. 	The court shall see failure to intervene as sufficient cause to terminate parental rights.	May revoke a notice of intent to claim parentage at any time in writing ; effective as of the date it is filed.	Any notice of intent to claim paternity may be used as evidence by any other party in any proceeding in which the parentage of a child may be relevant
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May register prior to child's birth • Must register no later than the 31st day after the child's birth 	No Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filing a timely acknowledgement of paternity is equivalent to adjudication of paternity and confers upon the father the rights and duties of a parent. • Failure to file results in a discharge from these rights and duties 	A certificate must be submitted stating a search of the registry has been conducted and that no father was found or that one has been found and been given notice.	Putative father may at any time revoke a notice of intent to claim paternity by submitting a written statement which has been signed and notarized.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthmother • Courts • Authorized Agencies • Involved Attorneys • The registry of another state
Utah	2 step process: --Must initiate a paternity claim;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With paternity claim, file affidavit swearing 	Upon failure to file with the registry and/or to commence a paternity claim prior to the mother's consent or	Must file a certificate from the office of vital records stating a	No information	No information

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	<p>AND -Must register with vital records (file notice of commencement of paternity proceedings), both actions which must occur prior to the mother's consent or relinquishment.</p>	<p>the ability to care for the child, and evidencing the same</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If had knowledge of pregnancy, must have paid costs (reasonable, based on financial means) associated with the pregnancy and birth (to be able to object to consent) 	<p>relinquishment. (A putative father must strictly comply with the requirements of the statute.)</p>	<p>search of the registry has been conducted and that no father was found or, if one has been found, the name of the person and date of filing.</p>		
Wyoming	<p>May file an intent to claim paternity before or after the child's birth</p>	<p>Must evidence an interest in and responsibility for the child within 30 days after receiving notice of the child's birth or pending birth</p>	<p>A putative father who does not strictly and fully comply with each of the conditions provided is deemed to have waived and surrendered any right in relation to the child, including the right to notice of any judicial proceeding in connection with the adoption of the child, and his consent for the adoption is no longer required.</p>	<p>Automatic</p>	<p>A registrant may at any time revoke a notice of intent to claim paternity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any court • Authorized Agency • Any person upon order of a court for good cause shown