

**518.005 RULES GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS; FORMAL REQUIREMENTS; FEE.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicable.** Unless otherwise specifically provided, the Rules of Civil Procedure for the district court apply to all proceedings under this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Title.** A proceeding for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or annulment shall be entitled "In re the Marriage of ..... and ..... ." A custody or support proceeding shall be entitled "In re the (Custody) (Support) of ..... ."

Subd. 3. **Names of pleadings.** The initial pleading in all proceedings under this chapter shall be denominated a petition. A responsive pleading shall be denominated an answer. Other pleadings shall be denominated as provided in the Rules of Civil Procedure.

Subd. 4. **Decree; judgment.** In this chapter and chapter 518A, "decree" includes "judgment."

Subd. 5. **Prohibited disclosure.** In all proceedings under this chapter and chapter 518A in which public assistance is assigned under section 256.741 or the public authority provides services to a party or parties to the proceedings, notwithstanding statutory or other authorization for the public authority to release private data on the location of a party to the action, information on the location of one party may not be released by the public authority to the other party if:

(1) the public authority has knowledge that a protective order with respect to the other party has been entered; or

(2) the public authority has reason to believe that the release of the information may result in physical or emotional harm to the other party.

Subd. 6. **Filing fee.** The first paper filed for a party in all proceedings for dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or annulment or proceedings to establish child support obligations shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50. The fee is in addition to any other prescribed by law or rule.

**History:** 1978 c 772 s 16; 1979 c 50 s 66,67; 1979 c 259 s 3; 1997 c 203 art 6 s 35; 2005 c 164 s 3,29; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 28; 2006 c 280 s 9