

**257E.15 ORDERS OF PARENTAGE.**

(a) If the court determines that an individual is a parent under this chapter, either because the individual gave birth to the child or the individual is a consenting intended parent under section 257E.23, the court shall adjudicate the individual to be a parent of the child.

(b) An individual who is or claims to be a parent under this section or the individual who gave birth to the child may commence a proceeding before or after the birth of the child in district court for an order or judgment:

(1) declaring that each intended parent is a parent of the child and ordering that parental rights and duties vest immediately upon the birth of the child;

(2) designating the content of the birth record in accordance with applicable law and directing the Office of Vital Records to designate each intended parent as a parent of the child;

(3) to protect the privacy of the child and the parties, declaring that the court record is not open to inspection; and

(4) for other relief that the court determines necessary and proper.

(c) The court may issue an order or a judgment under this section before the birth of the child. The court shall stay enforcement of the order or judgment until the birth of the child.

(d) Neither this state nor the Office of Vital Records is a necessary party to a proceeding under this section.

**History:** 2024 c 101 art 4 s 2