

256D.37 GENERAL ASSISTANCE ACT

discretion may permit eligibility of an applicant having assets in excess of the amount prescribed in this section if liquidation of the assets would cause undue loss or hardship.

[1977 c 448 s 9]

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257.022 Rights of visitation to unmarried persons.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 2. When parents' marriage is dissolved. In all proceedings for dissolution, subsequent to the commencement of the proceeding and continuing thereafter during the minority of the child, the court may, upon the request of the parent or grandparent of a party, grant reasonable visitation rights to the unmarried minor child, after dissolution of marriage, during his minority if it finds that visitation rights would be in the best interests of the child and would not interfere with the parent child relationship. The court shall consider the amount of personal contact between the parents or grandparents of the party and the child prior to the application.

Subd. 2a. When child has resided with grandparents. If an unmarried minor has resided with his grandparents or great-grandparents for a period of 12 months or more, and is subsequently removed from the home by his parents, the grandparents or great-grandparents may petition the district or county court for an order granting them reasonable visitation rights to the child during his minority. The court shall grant the petition if it finds that visitation rights would be in the best interests of the child and would not interfere with the parent and child relationship.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 238 s 1,2]

257.253 Initiation of proceeding.

A proceeding for the determination of paternity is initiated by filing a verified complaint of the mother, child, or the public authority chargeable by law with the support of the child, in the district or county court of this state, and by personal service upon the defendant of a civil summons together with a copy of the verified complaint. An order, returnable not sooner than five days following expiration of the period to answer, to show cause why he should not be adjudicated to be the father of the child may also be served with the summons and complaint.

[1977 c 282 s 4]

257.254 County attorney; duties.

When requested to do so by a district or county court judge, public welfare or other social service agency, the county attorney may appear on behalf of and represent the complainant in all proceedings under sections 257.251 to 257.259, 257.261 to 257.264 and 257.27 to 257.33 and shall obtain and present such evidence as may be necessary. In those cases initiated in which the county attorney, acting in his official capacity, represents the complainant, no filing fee shall be required by the clerk of court.

[1977 c 282 s 5]

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257.257 Remedies.

The district or county court has jurisdiction of a civil action under sections 257.251 to 257.259, 257.261 to 257.264 and 257.27 to 257.33 and all remedies for the enforcement of judgments for expenses of pregnancy and confinement for a wife or for education, necessary support, or funeral expenses for legitimate children apply. The court has continuing jurisdiction to modify or revoke a judgment for future education and necessary support. All remedies under the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act are available for enforcement of duties of support under sections 257.251 to 257.259, 257.261 to 257.264 and 257.27 to 257.33.

[1977 c 282 s 6]

257.259 Closed trial.

Upon the trial in district or county court the judge may at his discretion exclude the general public from attendance at such trial and shall do so at the request of either party.

[1977 c 282 s 7]

257.261 Judgment.

Subdivision 1. Judgments under sections 257.251 to 257.259, 257.261 to 257.264 and 257.27 to 257.33 may be for periodic payments which may vary in amount. The court may order payments to be made to the mother or to some person, corporation, or agency designated to administer them under the supervision of the court. Upon due notice to the county welfare board or the commissioner of public welfare and the duly appointed guardian, if any, the judge of the district or county court before whom the proceedings are pending shall make and enter an order, directing and requiring the father of such child to pay to the county welfare board, or the commissioner of public welfare such sum of money or its equivalent, as may be proper and adequate for the care, maintenance, and education of such child; or such order may provide for the payment, in the manner heretofore provided, of a specific sum each month, or at other stated intervals for the purposes hereinbefore specified.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 282 s 8]

257.29 Clerk to report name of adjudged father.

Upon the entry of a judgment determining the paternity of an illegitimate child the clerk of the district or county court shall notify in writing the state registrar of vital statistics of the name of the person against whom such judgment has been entered, together with such other facts disclosed by his records as may assist in identifying the record of the birth of the child as the same may appear in the office of the registrar. If the judgment shall thereafter be vacated, that fact shall be reported by the clerk in like manner.

[1977 c 282 s 9]

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[For text of subds 1 to 4, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 5. **Execution.** All consents to an adoption, except those by the commissioner, his agent, a licensed child-placing agency, or the child's parent when that parent is either a co-petitioner in the adoption proceeding or does not have custody of the child, shall be executed before a representative of the commissioner, his