

**257.025 CUSTODY DISPUTES.**

(a) In any custody or parenting time proceeding involving unmarried parents, the court shall consider and evaluate all relevant factors in section 518.17, subdivision 1, to determine the best interests of the child.

(b) The fact that the parents of the child are not or were never married to each other shall not be determinative of the custody of the child.

(c) A person may seek custody of a child by filing a petition or motion pursuant to section 518.156.

(d) Section 518.619 applies to this section.

**History:** 1974 c 330 s 1; 1980 c 589 s 29; 1990 c 574 s 2; 1992 c 557 s 1; 2015 c 30 art 1 s 1