

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 10: Children

Chapter 2: Adoption

§ 55.1. Notice of intent to claim paternity—Acknowledging paternity—Paternity registry

Cite as: 10 CNCA § 55.1

A. The father or putative father of a child born out of wedlock may file notice of intent to claim paternity of the child or an instrument acknowledging paternity of the child as provided in this section.

B. Cherokee Nation shall utilize the centralized paternity registry established by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services which records the names and addresses of:

1. any person adjudicated by a court of this state to be the father of a child born out of wedlock;
2. any person who has filed with the registry before or after the birth of a child out of wedlock a notice of intent to claim paternity of the child;
3. any person adjudicated by a court of another state or territory of the United States to be the father of a child born out of wedlock, where a certified copy of the Court order has been filed with the registry by such person or any other person; and
4. any person who has filed with the registry an instrument acknowledging paternity.

C. A person filing a notice of intent to claim paternity of a child or an acknowledgment of paternity shall include therein his current address and shall notify the registry of any change of address pursuant to procedures prescribed by regulations of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

D. A person who has filed a notice of intent to claim paternity may at any time, by filing a notice to disclaim, revoke a notice of intent to claim paternity.

E. An unrevoked notice of intent to claim paternity of a child or an instrument acknowledging paternity may be introduced in evidence by any party in any proceeding in which such fact may be relevant.

F, G. Deleted.