

Arizona Supreme Court

Rule 28 Petition

R-26-0046

RULE 7.1, RULES OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 17-Jul-2026

Case Closed:

Dept/Composition

Side 1. RULE 7.1, RULES OF FAMILY LAW PROCEDURE, Other

(Litigant Group) PETITIONER: DAVID K. BYERS

- David K Byers, Administrative Office of the Courts, Petitioner

CASE STATUS

Jul 20, 2026.....Circulating (until 10/1/26)

Jul 17, 2026.....Pending

2 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 17-Jul-2026 FILED: Petition to Adopt Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure (Expedited Consideration and Emergency adoption requested) (Petitioner David K. Byers, Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts)
- 20-Jul-2026 On July 17, 2026, David K. Byers, Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, filed a rule petition proposing to adopt a new Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure to establish procedures related to recent legislation, HB 2594, creating the Address Confidentiality Program. Specifically, the new rule would provide procedures for notifying the court that a party is a participant in the program, sealing the party's residence address, and using a substitute address.

To ensure that the Court considers and acts on the proposed rule change before the recent legislation goes into effect on September 12, 2026, Petitioner further requests that the petition be given expedited consideration under Rule 28(h)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, and that the rule change it proposes be adopted on an emergency basis under Rule 28(h)(2) of the same rules.

Upon consideration,

IT IS ORDERED granting the request to consider this petition on an expedited basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that during its August 2026 Rules Agenda, the Court will consider whether to adopt on an emergency basis proposed new Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure. If it does, the Court will consider whether to adopt the new rule on a permanent basis during its December 2026 Rules Agenda. If it decides not to adopt the new rule on an emergency basis, the Court will decide whether to adopt it on a non-emergency basis during its December 2026 Rules Agenda.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this petition is opened for public comment under Rule 28(c), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, with all comments due no later than October 1, 2026, and any reply due no later than October 15, 2026.

The petition may be viewed by going to: <http://www.azcourts.gov/Rules-Forum>. This opens the "Welcome" page. Petitions are posted under the appropriate body of rules. For example, the "Rules of Family Law Procedure" can be found by scrolling down the page.

For instructions on how to post comments electronically, click on <https://www.azcourts.gov/rules/Forum-FAQ> at the top of the "Forum FAQ" page and then "How do I file a comment on a Rule 28 petition?" Alternatively, commenters may submit comments by filing an original and one paper copy of the comment with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1501 West Washington St., Room 402, Phoenix, AZ 85007 in an envelope marked "Rule Comment."

Any person filing a comment must send a copy of the comment to the Petitioner electronically or by ordinary mail. (Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer)