

**TITLE IV**  
**Chapter 27 - Divorces Pursuant to La. Civ. Code Article 102**

**Rule 27.0 - Rules To Show Cause**

**Appendix 27.0B - Courts That Require the Filing of a La. C.C. art. 102 Divorce Checklist, the Entire Record, and/or Other Documentation in a La. C.C. art. 102 Divorce**

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**First Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of Caddo**

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**Second Judicial District  
Court**

Before a rule for divorce pursuant to La. C.C. Article 102 may be heard, the moving party must file into the record a certification setting forth dates of service of process and other matters as they appear on the checklist and certificate.

**Parishes of Bienville,  
Claiborne and Jackson**

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**Third Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of Lincoln and  
Union**

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**Fourth Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of Morehouse  
and Ouachita**

For divorces pursuant to La. C.C. art. 102, mover's attorney shall file the required Appendix 27.0A uncontested divorce checklist form in the suit record no later than the Friday before the rule is fixed for hearing. The filing of said checklist has the effect of a pleading and must be executed in good faith following an examination of the record. If respondent does not appear to contest the rule for divorce, the Court may grant the divorce if the requirements of law are satisfied. If the respondent appears to contest the divorce based upon reconciliation, the matter shall be deferred only if the party or party's counsel alleges reconciliation by verified pleading. If no verified pleading is filed alleging reconciliation, then the alleged reconciliation shall not be a defense to the divorce, and the 102 divorce shall be granted provided all other legal requirements are met. Any incidental matters that have not previously been resolved shall be fixed for trial pursuant to Local Rules.

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**Fifth Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of Franklin,  
Richland and West  
Carroll**

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**Sixth Judicial District  
Court**

**Parishes of East Carroll,  
Madison and Tensas**

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**Seventh Judicial District**

**Court**  
**Parishes of Catahoula**  
**and Concordia**

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**Eighth Judicial District**  
**Court**  
**Parish of Winn**

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**Ninth Judicial District**  
**Court**  
**Parish of Rapides**

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**Tenth Judicial District**  
**Court**  
**Parish of Natchitoches**

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**Eleventh Judicial District**  
**Court**  
**Parish of Sabine**

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**Twelfth Judicial District**  
**Court**  
**Parish of Avoyelles**

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**Thirteenth Judicial**  
**District Court**  
**Parish of Evangeline**

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<b>Fourteenth Judicial District Court</b>	A. All rules to show cause why a divorce should not be granted pursuant to La. Civ. C. art. 102 shall be assigned for the next feasible motion hour.
<b>Parish of Calcasieu</b>	B. Mover’s attorney shall offer and introduce for filing the entire record and the appropriate 102 Checklist (Appendix 27.0A) in open court on the hearing date. Attorneys appointed to represent absentee defendants shall testify in open court at that time.

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<b>Fifteenth Judicial District Court</b>	The entering of a divorce under La. C.C. art. 102 may be accomplished by affidavit in accordance with La. C.C.P. art. 3951, et. seq. The mover’s attorney shall complete and submit the La. C.C. art.
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**Parishes of Acadia,  
Lafayette and Vermilion**

102 divorce checklist (Appendix 27.0A). The checklist form and affidavit shall be filed no later than the date the Rule is filed for hearing.

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**Sixteenth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of Iberia, St.  
Martin and St. Mary**

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**Seventeenth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Lafourche**

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**Eighteenth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of Iberville,  
Pointe Coupee and West  
Baton Rouge**

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**Nineteenth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of East Baton  
Rouge**

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**Family Court, Parish of  
East Baton Rouge**

**For the Parish of East  
Baton Rouge**

At the hearing on a rule to show cause why a divorce should not be granted pursuant to Louisiana Civil Code article 102, the mover or his attorney shall offer and introduce into evidence the entire record and a La. C.C. art. 102 divorce checklist (Appendix 27.0A) in open court on the hearing date. Attorneys appointed to represent absentees shall testify in open court at that time.

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**Twentieth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of East Feliciana  
and West Feliciana**

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**Twenty-First Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of Livingston,  
St. Helena and  
Tangipahoa**

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**Twenty-Second Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of St. Tammany  
and Washington**

**Testimony Required**

To enter a judgment of divorce it shall be sufficient to introduce the testimony of the moving party to constitute a prima facie case in divorce matters filed pursuant to La. Civil Code Art. 102.

**Waiver of Hearing**

After filing a rule to show cause in a pending divorce proceeding, the Court may enter a Judgment granting a Judgment of Divorce under La. Civil Code Art. 102 without the appearance of mover or counsel if, at the time of the scheduled hearing, the record contains (1) The Rule, (2) Proof of service of the Petition or waiver of service, (3) An Affidavit executed by the mover as required by La. Code Civ. Proc. Art. 3952, (4) Proof of service of the Rule or waiver of service, (5) An Affidavit executed by the mover after the Rule was filed as required by La. Code Civ. Proc. Art. 3956(5), and (6) the checklist contained in Appendix 26.1A completed and signed by the mover/counsel for the mover.

**Required Affidavits**

The entering of a divorce pursuant to La. Civil Code Art. 102 may be accomplished by affidavit in accordance with La. Code Civ. Proc. Art. 3951, et seq. In that event, the mover and/or mover’s attorney shall complete and submit the checklist as contained in Appendix 27.0A. The checklist and affidavit shall be filed no later than the date the Rule is fixed for hearing.

**Dismissal of Divorce**

A dismissal of a Petition for Divorce under Civil Code Article 102 shall be rendered upon joint motion of the parties and upon payment of all costs, or upon contradictory motion filed by the mover.

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**Twenty-Third Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of Ascension,  
Assumption and St.  
James**

Amended November 30,  
2015, effective January 1,  
2016.

A. At the hearing on a rule to show cause why a divorce should not be granted pursuant to Louisiana Civil Code Article 102, the mover or his attorney shall offer and introduce into evidence the entire record and the La. Civil Code Article 102 divorce checklist in open court on the hearing date. Attorneys appointed to represent absentees shall testify in open court at that time.

B. This is the appropriate La. Civil Code Article 102 checklist for the 23rd Judicial District Court:

23rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
FORM 1: L.A.C.C. ART. 102 DIVORCE CHECKLIST

Certification of Eligibility for Divorce

Notice: Must be completed by Mover or their Attorney and filed on or before the Rule date is scheduled for hearing.

\_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner

versus

\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH OF \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

A. Dates

1. Petition for Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Petition Filed
2. Parties physically separated: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Separation
3. Date Petition served/waiver executed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Service/ Waiver
4. Rule for Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rule Filed
5. Date Rule served/waiver executed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Service/Waiver

B. Time Periods

(Choose either #1 or #2)

6. The parties have minor children, and have been living separate and apart 365 days or more without reconciliation prior to the filing of the rule. ☐ Yes

OR OR

7. The parties have no minor children, and have been living separate and apart 180 days or more without reconciliation prior to the filing of the rule. ☐ Yes

C. Petition (La. C.C.P. Art. 3951)

8. Is the petition in the record? ☐ Yes

9. Are proper jurisdiction and venue expressly alleged in the Petition? ☐ Yes

10. Is the Petition verified by the petitioner?

☐ Yes

11. Were the parties living separate and apart at the time of filing, or was the defendant personally served with the Petition and Citation? ☐ Yes

12. Is the Sheriff's return in the record showing service? ☐ Yes

13. Is the waiver of service in the record? ☐ Yes

D. Rule to Show Cause (La. C.C.P. Art. 3952)

14. Is the Rule in the record? ☐ Yes

15. Date the Rule was filed? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Does the Rule allege:

a. Proper service of the Petition or waiver of service and notice of the Petition? ☐ Yes

b. 180/365 days or more have elapsed since service or execution of a written waiver of service and notice of the Petition? ☐ Yes

c. The parties have lived separate and apart continuously for 180/365 days prior to filing of the Rule?

☐ Yes

d. That Notice was issued pursuant to La. R.S. 13:3491? ☐ Yes

17. Is the Rule verified by the Affidavit of the Petitioner? ☐ Yes

18. Was the Rule filed within 2 years of the service of the Petition or execution of the written waiver of service of the Petition? ☐ Yes

19. Is the Sheriff's return showing service or the waiver of service in the record? ☐ Yes

E. Affidavit of Mover (La. C.C.P. Art. 3956(5)) or Testimony

20. Does the record contain the Affidavit of the mover executed after the Rule was filed, or does the testimony specifically establish that:

a. The parties have lived separate and apart continuously for at least 180/365 days prior to the filing of the Rule? ☐ Yes

b. The parties are living apart at the time of the execution of the Affidavit? ☐ Yes

c. The mover desires to be divorced? ☐ Yes

21. Was affidavit executed after Rule was filed or was testimony offered at hearing? ☐ Yes

#### MOVER'S/ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have examined the record in the above-captioned case and the information provided herein is true and correct based upon my personal knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Record Examination

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner

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Attorney's Bar Number

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Date of Certification

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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Telephone Number

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#### Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court

#### Parish of Jefferson

Before a rule for divorce pursuant to La. C.C. art. 102 may be heard, the moving party must file into the record:

(1) a certification of truthfulness of the statements contained the La. C.C. art. 102 checklist (Appendix 27.0A). This certification may be satisfied by signing the checklist;

(2) a statement that the rule is contested or uncontested, which must be must be completed by the mover's attorney and filed in open court on the date the rule is fixed for hearing;

(3) an affidavit of non-military service; and

(4) an affidavit that the parties did not contract a covenant marriage.

One affidavit containing all required facts may be submitted in lieu of multiple affidavits.

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**Twenty-Fifth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Plaquemines**

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**Twenty-Sixth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parishes of Bossier and  
Webster**

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**Twenty-Seventh Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of St. Landry**

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**Twenty-Eighth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of LaSalle**

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**Twenty-Ninth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of St. Charles**

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**Thirtieth Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of Vernon**

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**Thirty-First Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Jefferson Davis**

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**Thirty-Second Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Terrebonne**

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**Thirty-Third Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Allen**

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**Thirty-Fourth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of St. Bernard**

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**Thirty-Fifth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Grant**

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**Thirty-Sixth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Beauregard**

At the hearing on a rule to show cause why a divorce should not be granted pursuant to Louisiana Civil Code Article 102, the mover's attorney shall offer and introduce for filing the entire record in open court on the hearing date.

Amended effective August  
27, 2021.

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**Thirty-Seventh Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Caldwell**

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**Thirty-Eighth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Cameron**

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**Thirty-Ninth Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of Red River**

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**Fortieth Judicial District  
Court**

**Parish of St. John the  
Baptist**

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**Civil District Court**

**Parish of Orleans**

Before a rule for divorce pursuant to La. C.C. Art. 102 may be heard, the moving party or the mover's attorney must file the 102 Divorce Checklist (Appendix 27.0A) into the record. The filing of the checklist has the effect of a pleading and must be executed in good faith following an examination of the record.



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**Criminal District Court**

**Parish of Orleans**

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**Forty-Second Judicial  
District Court**

**Parish of DeSoto**

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