

**IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OF WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

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**Petitioner,**

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Respondent.**

**Docket No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**File No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TCSES No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child(ren) who are the subject of this petition:** \_\_\_\_\_ **dob:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **dob:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION TO CHANGE CUSTODY IN A PARENTAGE CASE**

Comes now the Petitioner, pro se, and petitions this Honorable Court to change custody of the minor child(ren) in this matter. In support of this petition the Petitioner would show the Court the following:

1. a. \_\_\_\_\_ That pursuant to a hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, custody was granted to the Respondent.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ That there is not presently any order granting custody of the minor child(ren) to either party, however, the Petitioner has physical possession of said child(ren).
2. That the petitioner:
  - has     has not    participated (as a party, witness, or in any other capacity) in any other litigation concerning the custody of said child(ren) in this or any other state;
  - does     does not    have information of any custody proceeding concerning said child(ren) pending in a court of this or any other state; and
  - does     does not    know of any person not a party to this proceeding who has physical custody of said child(ren) or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to said child(ren).
3. That there has been a substantial and material change of circumstances that warrants a change of custody in this matter as set forth below:

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**WHEREFORE, PETITIONER PRAYS:**

1. That proper process issue and that this matter be set for an initial appearance before this Honorable Court.
2. That custody of said minor child(ren) be changed from the Respondent to the Petitioner.
3. That the Respondent be ordered to pay child support pursuant to the Tennessee Child Support Guidelines and that the Respondent be granted visitation.
4. That the costs of this cause be taxed to the Respondent.
5. For such other general relief as this cause may warrant.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary / Clerk