

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of ) Arizona Supreme Court  
 ) No. R-22-0031  
RULES 45.1 AND 78.1, RULES OF )  
FAMILY COURT PROCEDURE )  
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**O R D E R**

On July 1, 2022, Judge Paul McMurdie, Arizona Court of Appeals, filed a rule petition proposing the adoption of new Rules 45.1 and 78.1 of the Rules of Family Law Procedure. The proposed new rules would implement a recently enacted statute (SB 1383), creating a summary consent decree allowing an amicable divorce at reduced cost (proposed Rule 45.1) and authorizing a court to terminate a legal separation (proposed Rule 78.1). To ensure that the Court considers and acts on the proposed new rules before the statute goes into effect, Petitioner further requests that the petition be given expedited consideration under Rule 28(h)(1), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, and 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 2022 Rules Agenda, the Court will consider whether to adopt the proposed new rules on an emergency basis. If it does, the Court will consider whether to adopt them on a permanent basis during its December 2022 Rules Agenda. If it decides not to adopt the proposed rules on an emergency basis, the Court will decide whether to adopt them on a non-emergency basis during its December 2022 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 3, 2022, and any reply due no later than October 17, 2022.

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, Rules of Criminal Procedure, which is 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?"

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