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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the matter of:	)	
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PETITION TO ADOPT RULE 7.1 OF	)	Supreme Court No. 26-_____
THE RULES OF FAMILY LAW	)	(expedited consideration
PROCEDURE	)	and emergency adoption
	)	requested)
_____	)	

Pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, David K. Byers, Administrative Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, respectfully petitions this Court to amend the Rules of Family Law Procedure as proposed in Appendix A. The proposed amendments are prompted by [House Bill \(HB\) 2594](#), Family Court, Address Confidentiality, enacted during the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-seventh Legislature, as more particularly described below.

HB 2594 has a general effective date and will become effective on September 12, 2026. Accordingly, Petitioner seeks expedited consideration of this petition and emergency adoption of the proposed amendments as set forth in Appendix A.

I. Purpose of Proposed Rule Amendments

HB 2594, Family Court; Address Confidentiality (Laws 2026, Ch. 101)

HB 2594 creates A.R.S. § 25-1502, which requires that when a party in a Title 25 matter participates in the Address Confidentiality Program established under A.R.S. § 41-162, the court must use that party's Address Confidentiality Program Substitute Address ("substitute address") in all court filings, notices, and communications related to the case. The statute further requires the court to seal the party's Address Confidentiality Program Residence Address ("residence address") in every court record.

Although Family Rule 7 concerns protection of a party's address, A.R.S. § 25-1502 serves a distinct purpose: mandating the use of a substitute address in court records and sealing the residence address. Any protection of the substitute address itself would fall under Rule 7.

Therefore, to implement the provisions of HB 2594, Petitioner proposes creating a new Family Rule 7.1 to establish procedures for notifying the court that a party is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program, sealing the party's residence address, and using a substitute address. Proposed Rule 7.1 is set forth in Appendix A.

II. Preliminary Comments

The amendments proposed in this petition have not been circulated broadly to the court community for pre-filing comments because of their technical nature and due to the short period of time since the enactment of the new statutory provisions.

III. Similar Petitions Filed in Last Five Years

Petitioner is not aware of any similar petitions filed in the past five years.

IV. Request for Expedited Consideration and Emergency Adoption

HB 2594 becomes effective on September 12, 2026. Therefore, as permitted by Supreme Court Rule 28(h), Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court expedite its consideration of this petition for inclusion on the August 2026 Rules Agenda, consider adoption of the proposed amendments as set forth in Appendix A on an emergency basis at that Agenda with an effective date of September 12, 2026, open the petition for comment, and consider adopting the proposed amendments on a permanent basis at this Court's December 2026 Rules Agenda.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of July, 2026.

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APPENDIX A

Rules of Family Law Procedure (new language is underlined)

Rule 7.1. Address Confidentiality Program

(a) Receipt of Notice; Sealing; Clerk Action. On receipt of a notice by either the secretary of state or a party informing the court that a party is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program, if the clerk determines from the notice that the party is a participant:

- (1) the clerk must update the court's contact information for the party to reflect the substitute address; and
- (2) the party's residence address is sealed in all court records. The clerk must make the necessary updates to the court's record to reflect the residence address is sealed.

(b) Proof of Participation. The party should provide the party's current and valid address confidentiality program authorization card to the court under (a) but may submit an acceptable alternative if necessary.

(c) Notice Referred to Judge. If the clerk cannot determine from the notice whether the party is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program, the clerk must refer the notice to the judge assigned to the case to make a determination. If the judge determines that the party is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program, the judge must issue an order sealing the party's residence address in all court records and directing the clerk to make the updates in (a)(1) and (2).

(d) Use of Residence Address Prohibited. The party must not include or use the residence address in any future filings. The parties and court must use the substitute address for all further court filings, notices, and communications relating to the case.

(e) Confidentiality. The notice in (a) is confidential. The court may disclose it to the party who submitted the notice but must not disclose it to any other person.

(f) Definitions. As used in this rule:

- (1) "Address Confidentiality Program" means the Address Confidentiality Program established under A.R.S. §§ 41-161 et seq.
- (2) "Residence address" means the party's Address Confidentiality Program Residence Address.
- (3) "Substitute address" means the party's Address Confidentiality Program Substitute Address.