

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 217 (HB 325)****2016 Regular Session****Robert Johnson**

Prior law established a procedure for a mother to allege the paternity of a child born outside of marriage for child support purposes. If the father was known to the mother, prior law required her to complete and sign a paternity information form issued by the Vital Records Registry. Prior law further required the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to serve notice on the alleged father of the child, who then had 90 days to contest the allegation that he is the father.

Prior law required the alleged father to contest the allegation of paternity by advising DCFS in writing that he is not the father. If the alleged father failed to contest the allegation in writing within 90 days, prior law provided that he shall be presumed to be the father of the child, for support purposes only, and the agency or the custodial parent could have used this presumption in an action to seek a support order. Further provided for the administration of blood tests and the payment of costs.

New law repeals prior law. (However, see R.S. 9:396 et seq. regarding paternity proceedings.)

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Repeals R.S. 40:34(E))