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**10. Do we have to file for
divorce in the county
where we reside?**

You may file for simplified
divorce in any county within the
state if you have (or your
spouse has) resided in the
State of Florida for the past six
months.

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General Information 606-4000

*The Leon County Clerk & Comptroller's Office is
open Monday through Friday. Click "Contact Us"
at the top, right-hand corner of our website for
current hours of operation.*

Administration Office ¹	606-4005
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Appeals	606-4190
Circuit Civil	606-4170
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Passports (see note below)	606-4060
Official Records ¹	606-4050
(see note below)	or 606-4030
Tax Deeds ³	606-4020

¹ Located at 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, 32301
(1st floor of the Leon County Courthouse).

² Located at 315 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 750, in the
Leon County Government Annex across from the back
side of the courthouse.

³ Located at 315 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 780, in the
Leon County Government Annex across from the back
side of the courthouse.

NOTE: The Official Records Division, including
marriage services, is also available at the Leon County
Clerk & Comptroller's Northeast Branch at 1276
Metropolitan Boulevard, Suite 101. **Due to federal
restrictions, passport services are only available
at this location.**



**A Guide to
Simplified Divorce**

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A GUIDE TO SIMPLIFIED DIVORCE

1. What is a simplified divorce?

It is an inexpensive way to end a marriage for those who meet the eligibility requirements.

2. What are the requirements for a simplified divorce?

- ✓ Both parties must agree that the marriage cannot be saved.
- ✓ There can be no minor children (under age 18) or dependent children of the marriage, and the wife cannot be pregnant.
- ✓ At least one of the parties must have been a resident of the State of Florida for the past six months.
- ✓ Both parties must agree on how property and debts will be divided.

3. Where do we file for a simplified divorce?

A Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage should be filed with the Clerk's Office, first floor of the Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Suite 100.

4. What should we bring with us when filing for a simplified divorce?

You and your spouse must come to the Clerk's Office to file the paperwork jointly. You will need to bring photo identification, such as a driver's license. Forms for filing a simplified divorce are available at the Florida Supreme Court's website at www.flcourts.org. If you require assistance completing the forms, contact the Pro Se Forms Assistance Program of the

Tallahassee Bar Association's Legal Aid Foundation. The office is located in Suite 108 at the Leon County Courthouse (850-222-3292, extension 2).

5. Must we have an attorney?

An attorney is not required in simplified divorces. However, if you or your spouse has any legal questions, you should consult with an attorney of your choice before seeking a simplified divorce.

If you do not know an attorney, you should contact the Lawyer Referral Service listed in the yellow pages of the local telephone directory. If you are unable to afford an attorney, you should contact the legal aid office in your area, or ask your local bar association for a referral.

6. What is the cost for filing a simplified divorce?

The filing fees for a simplified divorce are set by Florida Statute and are subject to change as a result of new laws passed by the Florida Legislature each year.

7. How much time will it take for our divorce to become final?

A hearing to finalize your divorce will be scheduled at the earliest possible date, depending on the court's calendar. There is a mandatory 20 day waiting period before a hearing can be held. You and your spouse must appear before the court on the scheduled hearing date.

8. What happens after the judge signs the final judgment?

You will need to take the Final Judgment to the Clerk's Office, 1st floor of the Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Suite 100, and pay \$10.50 as the filing fee for reporting your divorce to the Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Department of Health.

9. Can we change our minds after we have filed for a simplified divorce?

After filing for a simplified divorce, if you believe your marriage can be saved and the divorce can be avoided, you and your spouse may file a Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage. Both parties must come to the Clerk's Office and sign a voluntary dismissal to dismiss the case.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, 301 South Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301, 850-606-4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.