



Summary of Domestic Relations Recodification

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Why recodify?

- Recodification allows the Legislature to cleanup and restructure certain areas of the code that need clarification and reorganization. The Utah Code constantly changes, requiring the Legislature to coordinate unchanged sections with changed sections to ensure that the Utah Code remains coherent and usable.
- The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel recommended a recodification of domestic relations statutes due to the lack of clarity and organization in this area of the Utah Code.
- A recodification would allow staff to clarify the Legislature’s objectives in regard to domestic relations issues and would also assist judges, lawyers, agencies, and the public in understanding domestic relations law in Utah.

What will the proposed recodification do?

The recodification will move domestic relations statutes from Title 30, Husband and Wife, and Title 78B, Judicial Code, to a new title over a period of two legislative sessions. The recodification also clarifies statutes related to divorce, annulment, separate maintenance, child support, and custody, parent-time, and visitation.

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Title 81, Utah Domestic Relations		Current Statutes
Chapter 1	General Provisions	Various statutes in Title 30
Chapter 2	Marriage	Most of Title 30, Chapter 1
Chapter 3	Rights and Obligations During Marriage	Title 30, Chapters 2 and 8
Chapter 4	Dissolution of Marriage	Title 30, Chapters 3, 4a, and 4 and a few statutes from Title 30, Chapter 1
Chapter 6	Child Support	Title 78B, Chapter 12
Chapter 7	Payment and Enforcement of Spousal and Child Support	Sections 30-3-3.5 & 78B-12-112
Chapter 9	Custody, Parent-time, and Visitation	Various statutes in Title 30, Chapter 3

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Title 81, Utah Domestic Relations		Current Statutes
Chapter 5	Uniform Parentage Act	Title 78B, Chapter 15
Chapter 8	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Title 78B, Chapter 14
Chapter 10	Uniform Deployed Parents Custody, Parent-time, and Visitation Act	Title 78B, Chapter 20
Chapter 11	Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act	Title 78B, Chapter 13
Chapter 12	Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act	Title 78B, Chapter 16
Chapter 13	Adoption	Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1
Chapter 14	Uniform Unregulated Child Custody Transfer Act	Title 78B, Chapter 24
Chapter 15	Protective Orders & Stalking Injunctions	Title 78B, Chapter 7