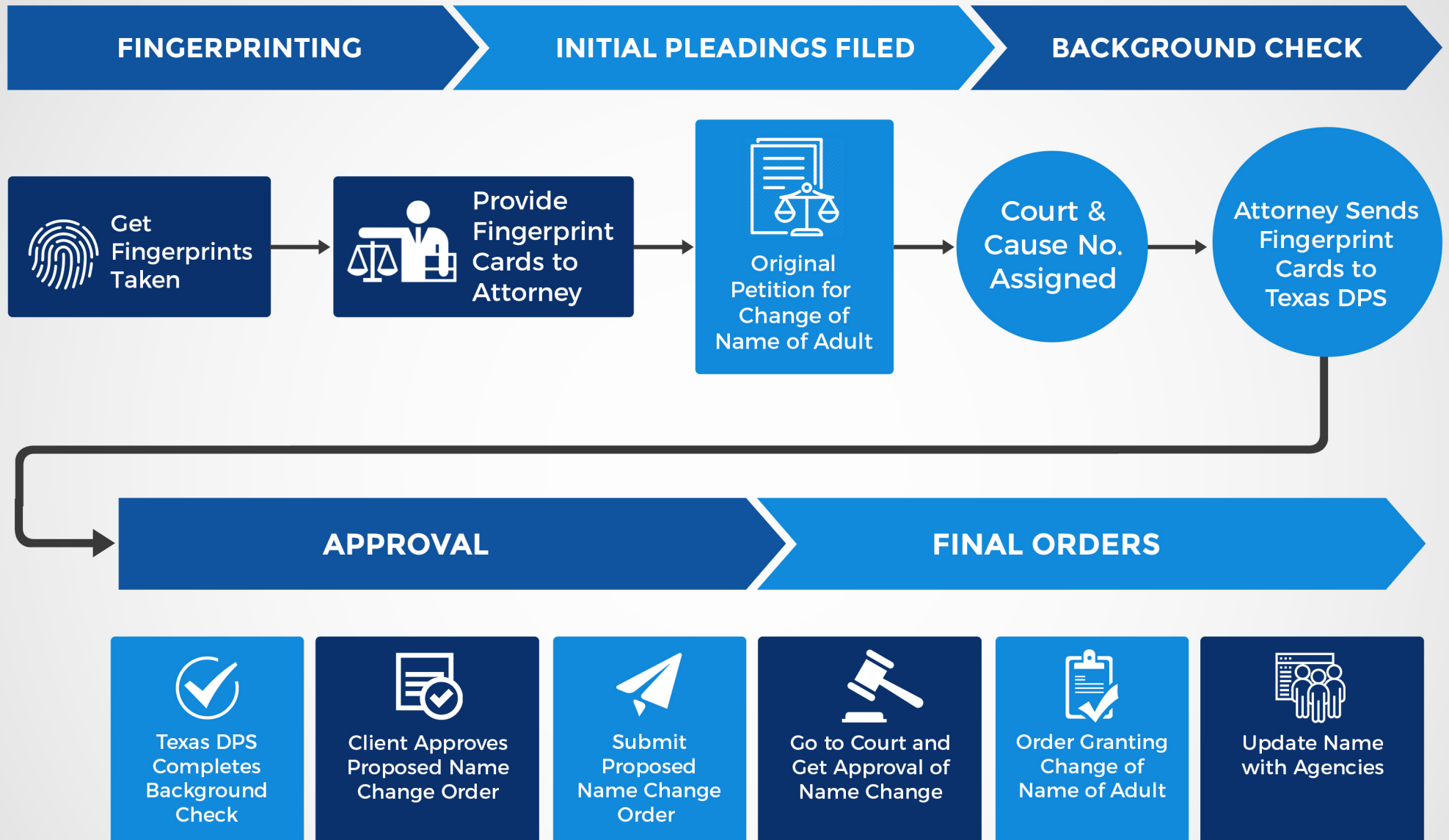


TEXAS NAME CHANGE FOR AN ADULT



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STEPS IN A TEXAS NAME CHANGE FOR AN ADULT WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



DO I NEED AN ORDER TO CHANGE MY NAME?

Generally, yes. This may not apply when there are minor spelling errors on your birth certificate, which can sometimes be fixed administratively, or when you are changing your name after marriage. A spouse can also request a name change back to their previous last name in a divorce.



CAN I CHANGE MY NAME WITH PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY?

It depends. If this is your situation, it is important to consult with a family law attorney prior to filing for a name change.



ORIGINAL PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF ADULT

We will draft the Original Petition, which is the request to the court for your name change. Once drafted and approved by you, this document will be filed with the court.



COURT AND CAUSE NUMBER ASSIGNED

The district clerk will assign your case to a specific court and provide a unique cause number.



FINGERPRINTS

The Texas Family Code requires that your background be checked by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) prior to the judge considering your name change request. To complete this step, you will need to get your fingerprints taken. We will provide you with a list of convenient, court-approved locations.



BACKGROUND CHECK

Once we receive your fingerprint cards from you, we will send them to DPS so a background check can be completed. This step takes several weeks. DPS will then provide a completed background check directly to the court.



COURT APPEARANCE AND FINAL ORDER

After your background check is received by the court, we will draft your Order Granting Change of Name of Adult. After you approve the draft, we will file it with the court and set a date for our court appearance. Before the judge can sign the Order, we will ask you a few simple questions in a hearing before the court to "prove-up" the name change.



UPDATE NAME WITH AGENCIES

Once the judge signs the Order, we will get you one or more certified copies. You will then be able to use that document to change your name on your driver's license, Social Security card, etc.



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