

**IC 31-18-7**

Chapter 7. Paternity Determinations

**IC 31-18-7-1**

**Proceeding to determine paternity**

Sec. 1. (a) An Indiana tribunal may serve as an initiating or a responding tribunal in a proceeding brought under:

(1) this article or a law or procedure substantially similar to this article; or

(2) a law or procedure substantially similar to the Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act or the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act;

to determine that the petitioner is a parent of a child or to determine that a respondent is a parent of the child.

(b) In a proceeding to determine paternity, a responding Indiana tribunal shall apply the:

(1) procedural and substantive law of Indiana; and

(2) rules of Indiana on choice of law.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.10. Amended by P.L.213-1999, SEC.32.*

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**Jurisdiction**

Sec. 2. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to confer jurisdiction on the court to determine issues of custody, parenting time, or the surname of a child. However, the parties may stipulate to the jurisdiction of the court with regard to custody, parenting time, or the surname of a child.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.10. Amended by P.L.68-2005, SEC.55.*