

# Emancipation of a Minor Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide contains information and resources for emancipation, or removal of the disabilities of a minor, in the state of Texas. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes & Codes

Texas Statutes Online:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>

**Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated** – Family Code  
Location: 2 copies in stacks, (please inquire at reference desk) –

- Family Vol. 2, Ch. 31, pp. 40-51.

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294. F35**

- Vol. 4, Task U3, Removing Disabilities of Minor

**Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294. T4S7**

- Vol. 4, Ch. 61 Miscellaneous Litigation, § 61.7 Removal of Disabilities of Minority

**O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294. A291 O26**

- 1-A § 2.2.1(1)(b), p.5
- 1-B § 5.2.2, p. 31

**O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms KFT 1294. A65 W55**

- Answer, Form 1E:2, pp. 100-101
- Order, Form 1E:3, pp. 102-103
- Petition, Form 1E:1, pp. 96-99

**O'Connor's Texas Family Code Plus KFT 1294. O3B4**

- Ch. 31 Removal of Disabilities of Minority, pp. 161-162.

**Sampson, Tindall & England's Texas Family Code Annotated KFT 1294. A3**

- Ch. 31 Removal of Disabilities of Minority, pp. 171-173.

**Fast Guide to Family Law: Checklist for Everyday Practice KFT 1294. A25 S83**

- Emancipation of a Minor, pp. 263-264

**West's Texas Statutes and Codes: Texas Family Code KFT 1294. A29**

- Ch. 31 – Removal of Disabilities of Minority, pp. 75-76

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294. S83**

- 2020 Ch. 39: Born to Be Wild: Teenager Issues and Difficult Coparenting Decisions
- 2019 Ch. 49: Legislative Update 2019: Child Welfare

## Online Resources

Emancipation of Minors (TexasLawHelp)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/emancipation-minors>

“Can a 17-year-old leave home?” (TSLL)  
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/can-a-seventeen-year-old-leave-home>

Minors and Marriage (TexasLawHelp)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/minors-and-marriage>

Texas State Law Library FAQ – Emancipation  
<https://faq.sll.texas.gov/questions/40940>

Tarrant County Law Library Commonly Requested Forms Page  
<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/law-library/forms.html>

Texas Youth Helpline: Runaway Laws in Texas  
<https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/youth-helpline/youth-resources/runaway-laws-emancipation-in-texas.asp>

Teenager Emancipation in Texas  
<https://www.hg.org/legal-articles/teenager-emancipation-in-texas-51013>

How Do You Get Emancipated?  
<https://www.findlaw.com/family/emancipation-of-minors/how-do-you-get-emancipated.html>

Emancipation of Minors  
[https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/emancipation\\_of\\_minors](https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/emancipation_of_minors)

NOLO – Emancipation of Minors  
<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/emancipation-of-minors-32237.html>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)