

### **§ 93-5-1. Causes for divorce**

Divorces from the bonds of matrimony may be decreed to the injured party for any one or more of the following twelve (12) causes:

- 1) Natural impotency.
- 2) Adultery.
- 3) Being sentenced to any penitentiary, and not pardoned before being sent there.
- 4) Willful, continued and obstinate desertion for the space of one (1) year.
- 5) Habitual drunkenness.
- 6) Habitual and excessive use of opium, morphine or other like drug.
- 7) Habitual cruel and inhuman treatment.
- 8) Mental illness or mental retardation at the time of marriage, if the party complaining did not know of that infirmity.
- 9) Marriage to some other person at the time of the pretended marriage between the parties.
- 10) Pregnancy of the wife by another person at the time of the marriage, if the husband did not know of the pregnancy.
- 11) Either party may have a divorce if they are related to each other within the degrees of kindred between whom marriage is prohibited by law.
- 12) Incurable mental illness.