

## IN FORMA PAUPERIS DECLARATION

[Insert appropriate court]

United States

v.

(Movant)

DECLARATION IN  
SUPPORT  
OF REQUEST  
TO PROCEED  
IN FORMA  
PAUPERIS

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that I am the movant in the above entitled case; that in support of my motion to proceed without being required to prepay fees, costs or give security therefor, I state that because of my poverty, I am unable to pay the costs of said proceeding or to give security therefor; that I believe I am entitled to relief.

1. Are you presently employed? Yes ☐ No ☐
  - a. If the answer is "yes," state the amount of your salary or wages per month, and give the name and address of your employer.  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If the answer is "no," state the date of last employment and the amount of the salary and wages per month which you received.  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you received within the past twelve months any money from any of the following sources?
  - a. Business, profession or form of self-employment? Yes ☐ No ☐
  - b. Rent payments, interest or dividends? Yes ☐ No ☐
  - c. Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments? Yes ☐ No ☐
  - d. Gifts or inheritances? Yes ☐ No ☐
  - e. Any other sources? Yes ☐ No ☐

If the answer to any of the above is "yes," describe each source of money and state the amount received from each during the past twelve months.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you own any cash, or do you have money in a checking or savings account? Yes ☐ No ☐ (Include any funds in prison accounts)  
If the answer is "yes," state the total value of the items owned.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you own real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)? Yes ☐ No ☐  
If the answer is "yes," describe the property and state its approximate value.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. List the persons who are dependent upon you for support, state your relationship to those persons, and indicate how much you contribute toward their support.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)

Signature of Movant

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the movant herein has the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on account to his credit at the \_\_\_\_\_ institution where he is confined.

I further certify that movant likewise has the following securities to his credit according to the records of said institution:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Officer of  
Institution

(As amended Apr. 28, 1982, eff. Aug. 1, 1982; Apr. 26, 2004, eff. Dec. 1, 2004.)

MODEL FORM FOR USE IN 28 U.S.C. §2255 CASES  
INVOLVING A RULE 9 ISSUE

Form No. 9

[Omitted as obsolete]

*Changes Made After Publication and Comments—Forms Accompanying Rules Governing §2254 and §2255 Proceedings.* Responding to a number of comments from the public, the Committee deleted from both sets of official forms the list of possible grounds of relief. The Committee made additional minor style corrections to the forms.

## [§ 2256. Omitted]

## CODIFICATION

Section, added Pub. L. 95-598, title II, §250(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2672, did not become effective pursuant to section 402(b) of Pub. L. 95-598, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 11, Bankruptcy. Section read as follows:

## § 2256. Habeas corpus from bankruptcy courts

A bankruptcy court may issue a writ of habeas corpus—

- (1) when appropriate to bring a person before the court—
  - (A) for examination;
  - (B) to testify; or
  - (C) to perform a duty imposed on such person under this title; or
- (2) ordering the release of a debtor in a case under title 11 in custody under the judgment of a Federal or State court if—
  - (A) such debtor was arrested or imprisoned on process in any civil action;
  - (B) such process was issued for the collection of a debt—
    - (i) dischargeable under title 11; or
    - (ii) that is or will be provided for in a plan under chapter 11 or 13 of title 11; and
  - (C) before the issuance of such writ, notice and a hearing have been afforded the adverse party of such debtor in custody to contest the issuance of such writ.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2256, added Pub. L. 95-144, §3, Oct. 28, 1977, 91 Stat. 1220, related to jurisdiction of proceedings relating to transferred offenders, prior to transfer to section 3244 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, by Pub. L. 95-598, title III, §314(j), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2677.

CHAPTER 154—SPECIAL HABEAS CORPUS  
PROCEDURES IN CAPITAL CASES

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## AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 109-177, title V, §507(c)(2), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 251, substituted “Certification and judicial review” for “Application to State unitary review procedure” in item 2265.

**§ 2261. Prisoners in State custody subject to capital sentence; appointment of counsel; requirement of rule of court or statute; procedures for appointment**

(a) This chapter shall apply to cases arising under section 2254 brought by prisoners in State custody who are subject to a capital sentence. It shall apply only if the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) are satisfied.

(b) COUNSEL.—This chapter is applicable if—

(1) the Attorney General of the United States certifies that a State has established a mechanism for providing counsel in postconviction proceedings as provided in section 2265; and

(2) counsel was appointed pursuant to that mechanism, petitioner validly waived counsel, petitioner retained counsel, or petitioner was found not to be indigent.

(c) Any mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and reimbursement of counsel as provided in subsection (b) must offer counsel to all State prisoners under capital sentence and must provide for the entry of an order by a court of record—

(1) appointing one or more counsels to represent the prisoner upon a finding that the prisoner is indigent and accepted the offer or is unable competently to decide whether to accept or reject the offer;

(2) finding, after a hearing if necessary, that the prisoner rejected the offer of counsel and made the decision with an understanding of its legal consequences; or

(3) denying the appointment of counsel upon a finding that the prisoner is not indigent.

(d) No counsel appointed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) to represent a State prisoner under capital sentence shall have previously represented the prisoner at trial in the case for which the appointment is made unless the prisoner and counsel expressly request continued representation.

(e) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during State or Federal post-conviction proceedings in a capital case shall not be a ground for relief in a proceeding arising under section 2254. This limitation shall not preclude the appointment of different counsel, on the court's own motion or at the request of the prisoner, at any phase of State or Federal post-conviction proceedings on the basis of the ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel in such proceedings.

(Added Pub. L. 104-132, title I, §107(a), Apr. 24, 1996, 110 Stat. 1221; amended Pub. L. 109-177, title V, §507(a), (b), Mar. 9, 2006, 120 Stat. 250.)

## AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-177, §507(a), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “This chapter is applicable if a State establishes by statute, rule of its court of last resort, or by another agency authorized by State law, a mechanism for the appointment, compensation, and payment of reasonable litigation expenses of competent counsel in State post-conviction proceedings brought by indigent prisoners whose capital convictions and sentences have been upheld on direct appeal to the court of last resort in the State or have otherwise become final for State law purposes. The rule of court or statute must provide standards of competency for the appointment of such counsel.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-177, §507(b), struck out “or on direct appeal” after “at trial”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-177 applicable to cases pending on or after Mar. 9, 2006, with special rule for certain cases pending on that date, see section 507(d) of Pub. L. 109-177, set out as a note under section 2251 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 104-132, title I, §107(c), Apr. 24, 1996, 110 Stat. 1226, provided that: “Chapter 154 of title 28, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)) shall apply to cases pending on or after the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 24, 1996].”

**§ 2262. Mandatory stay of execution; duration; limits on stays of execution; successive petitions**

(a) Upon the entry in the appropriate State court of record of an order under section 2261(c), a warrant or order setting an execution date for a State prisoner shall be stayed upon application to any court that would have jurisdiction over any proceedings filed under section 2254. The application shall recite that the State has invoked the post-conviction review procedures of this chapter and that the scheduled execution is subject to stay.

(b) A stay of execution granted pursuant to subsection (a) shall expire if—

(1) a State prisoner fails to file a habeas corpus application under section 2254 within the time required in section 2263;

(2) before a court of competent jurisdiction, in the presence of counsel, unless the prisoner has competently and knowingly waived such counsel, and after having been advised of the consequences, a State prisoner under capital sentence waives the right to pursue habeas corpus review under section 2254; or

(3) a State prisoner files a habeas corpus petition under section 2254 within the time required by section 2263 and fails to make a substantial showing of the denial of a Federal right or is denied relief in the district court or at any subsequent stage of review.

(c) If one of the conditions in subsection (b) has occurred, no Federal court thereafter shall have the authority to enter a stay of execution in the case, unless the court of appeals approves the filing of a second or successive application under section 2244(b).

(Added Pub. L. 104-132, title I, §107(a), Apr. 24, 1996, 110 Stat. 1222.)