**§1561. Effect of test results**

**1. Effect of results.**  The results of the tests required pursuant to chapter 61, subchapter 6 are evidence to be used in determining paternity as follows.

A. [PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. B, §8 (RP); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

B. If the experts disagree in their findings or conclusions, the question must be submitted upon all the evidence. [PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

C. [PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. B, §8 (RP); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

D. [PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. B, §8 (RP); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

[PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. B, §8 (AMD); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

**2. Chain of custody; evidence.**

[PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. B, §8 (RP); PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. D, §1 (AFF).]

**3. Notarized reports; challenges.**  A notarized report of the blood and tissue tests, prepared by the appointed experts, must be admitted at trial, unless a written challenge to the testing procedure or the results of the blood and tissue tests has been filed with the court and delivered to opposing counsel at least 30 days before a hearing set to determine the issue of paternity. Failure to make that timely challenge constitutes a waiver of the right to have the experts appear in person and is not grounds for a continuance of the hearing to determine paternity.

[PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 (NEW); PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

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