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[(e) Proceedings to establish paternity under the subtitle "Paternity Proceedings" and to charge the putative father of an illegitimate child or children with their support and maintenance shall be commenced during the pregnancy of the mother thereof or within two (2) years after the birth of such child or children; except that if the putative father of such child or children has acknowledged in writing the paternity of the child or children or has made payment or otherwise provided for the support and maintenance of the child or children, it is sufficient if the proceedings are commenced within two (2) years of the date of such acknowledgment or the last such payment or provision; provided, that the institution of proceedings under the former Article 12 of this Code, title "Bastardy and Fornication," prior to June 1, 1963, shall suspend the further running of the period of limitations provided for herein.]

(E) PROCEEDINGS TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY UNDER THE SUBTITLE "PATERNITY PROCEEDINGS" OF THIS ARTICLE AND TO CHARGE THE PUTATIVE FATHER OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD WITH THE CHILD'S SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SHALL BE COMMENCED:

(1) DURING THE PREGNANCY OF THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILD'S MOTHER OR WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD;

(2) IF THE PUTATIVE FATHER OF THE ILLEGITIMATE CHILD HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE PATERNITY OF THE CHILD IN WRITING OR HAS MADE PAYMENT OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CHILD, WITHIN 2 YEARS OF THE DATE OF THAT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR THE LAST PAYMENT OR PROVISION; OR

(3) IF THE MOTHER IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, WITHIN 2 YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE MOTHER REACHES THE AGE OF 18 YEARS.

(F) IF PROCEEDINGS WERE INSTITUTED UNDER THE FORMER ARTICLE 12 OF THIS CODE, TITLE "BASTARDY AND FORNICATION", PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1963, THE FURTHER RUNNING OF THE PERIOD OF LIMITATIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION (E) SHALL BE SUSPENDED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.