



Legal Review of Marriage for Divorced Women Outside the Religious Courts

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Abstract

Marriage is a contract that justifies a man and a woman, with a marriage contract to build a happy and prosperous family. The marriage process has been regulated in Law Number 1 of 1974 that every marriage must be carried out according to religious provisions and must be recorded. But what about the marriage law for women who are divorced outside the religious court, according to Law Number 1 of 1974 and according to *Islamic Law*? In practice, some marriages are carried out without recording so that they do not have a marriage certificate. Similarly, the occurrence of divorces that are not carried out in front of the Religious Courts, so they do not have a divorce certificate or certificate. For women who are divorced without having a divorce certificate who will enter into a new marriage. So, to legalize the marriage, one must apply for a marriage *isbath* for divorce.

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Introduction

Marriage or marriage is a contract that justifies association and limits the rights and obligations between a man and a woman who is not a *mahram* (Muzammil, 2019). A marriage that is carried out based on mental, physical, and spiritual readiness is used as a barometer of the perfection of an ideal between the two brides in building their household *mahligai*. The marriage law includes a voluntary principle. Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning marriage, for example, states: "*Marriage must be based on the approval of the two prospective brides* (Indonesia, 1974)." Therefore, marriage has the intention that a husband and wife can form an eternal and happy family, and obtain approval from both prospective husband and wife, without any coercion from any party. (Asman et al., 2021)

Nikah comes from Arabic, namely *Nikaahan* which is *masdar* from the verb *Nakaha*. The similarity is *Tazawwaja* which is translated into Indonesian as marriage (Ali, 2003). According to the general Indonesian dictionary, marriage is an agreement between a man and a woman to be legally married. (Santoso, 2000)

Meanwhile, according to scholars, each has its own meaning of marriage. According to *Hanafi* scholars, "Marriage is a contract that has a meaning for something pleasant which is done intentionally" (Al-Jaziri, 1994). According to Maliki scholars define marriage as follows, "Nikah is a contract that contains legal provisions solely to allow *watha*, have fun and enjoy what is in a woman he marries" (Mughniyah, 2000). According to Sayyid Sabiq: "Marriage is a method chosen

by Allah as a way for humans to have children, reproduce, and survive after each partner is ready to play a positive role in realizing the purpose of marriage". (Sabiq, 2011)

Literature Review

According to the Marriage Law Number 1 of 1974 in Article 1 "marriage is an inner and an outer bond between a man and a woman as husband and wife to form a happy and eternal family based on the One Godhead"(Indonesia, 1974). In the Compilation of Islamic Law (Inpres Number 1 of 1991), Article 2 explains that "marriage according to Islam is a marriage, namely a very strong contract or *mitsaqan ghalidzan* to obey Allah's commands and carry it out as worship" (Indonesia, 2017). So based on some of the above inductions, marriage is a bond or contract that justifies or allows intercourse between men and women. (Foyster, 2014)

To form a prosperous family, marriage is needed. Without a legal marriage under religious norms and applicable regulations. The strength of the marriage that is enforced and fostered by the husband and wife is very dependent on the will and intentions of the husband and wife who carry out the marriage. Therefore, in a marriage, it is necessary to have inner and outer love between the husband and wife (Plaut, 2018). Marriages that are built with false love (not born and inner), then such marriages usually do not last long and end in a divorce. If a marriage has ended in a divorce, the one who bears the consequences is the whole family, which is usually very concerned. (Manan & SH, 2017)

In principle, no one wants their marriage to end in divorce. No member of society expects his family to end in divorce, Islamic law teaches that divorce is a lawful act but is very hated by Allah. One of the principles of the marriage law is to make it difficult for divorce to occur. (Indonesia, 1974)

Research Method

This normative juridical research examined and discussed legal science doctrines and principles using statutory and conceptual approaches. It was done by identifying the rules regarding the protection of women's rights in the court, namely Law no. 1 of 1974, KHI, as well as journals and articles regarding the protection of women's rights and their fulfillment in the Religious Courts.

The approach used in this study was conceptual and statutory, by examining Al-Quran, Al-Hadits, Law no. 1 of 1974, KHI. The data collection technique was a literature study, by collecting secondary data in the form of primary legal materials, Al-Quran, Al-Hadits, Law no. 1 of 1974, KHI, and the decision for the lawsuit and talaq divorce and at Surabaya Religious Court, and secondary journal material related to the themes studied.

The data collected were grouped and analyzed by qualitative descriptive analysis, by describing the data obtained from the literature review, conceptualizing, and concluding.

Results and Discussion

Understanding the Basic and Law of Divorce

In Arabic, it explains that divorce is from *lafadz* الطلاق meaning divorce, letting go, or leaving. Divorce in the Big Indonesian Dictionary, comes from the word divorce, which means separation or the release of marital bonds between husband and wife. (Fatya Permata Anbiya, 2014)

The Hanafi and Hanbali madhab have similarities in defining divorce, namely: "Divorce is the release of marriage bonds directly or for the future with the special pronouncement". According to the Maliki madhab: "Talaq is a legal trait that causes the loss of the lawful relationship between husband and wife" (Z. Hayati, 2017). Meanwhile, according to the *Syafi'i madhab*: "divorce is the release of the marriage contract with the pronouncement of *talaq*". Sayid Sabiq defines divorce as "an attempt to break the bonds of marriage and end the marital relationship". (Sabiq, 2011)

Whereas in Law number 1 of 1974, Article 28 Paragraph (1) what is meant by divorce is "the cancellation of a marriage, starting after a court decision has permanent legal force and is valid from the time the marriage takes place". In the Compilation of Islamic Law, the definition of divorce is contained in Article 117 "Talaq is a husband's pledge before a Religious Court trial, which is one of the reasons for the breakup of a marriage". (Indonesia, 2017)

Based on some of the definitions above, the writer concludes that divorce is an act that is one of the consequences of breaking the ties of a husband and wife marriage by taking a vow of divorce in front of a court which eliminates the lawfulness of husband and wife relationships. (Areen, 2014)

Legal basis in the Qur'an as in the Word of God:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِذَا طَلَقْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَطَلِّقُوهُنَّ لِعَدَّتِهِنَّ وَأَحْصُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ رَبَّكُمْ لَا تُخْرِجُوهُنَّ مِنْ بُيُوتِهِنَّ وَلَا يَخْرُجْنَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَأْتِيَنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ مُبَيِّنَةٍ وَتِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَتَعَدَّ حُدُودَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ ظَلَمَ نَفْسَهُ لَا تَدْرِي لَعَلَّ اللَّهَ يُحْدِثُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ أَمْرًا

"O Prophet, when you divorce your wives then you should divorce them when they can (face) their (reasonable) iddah and calculate the time of the iddah and fear Allah your Lord. Do not take them out of their homes and do not (allow) them to go out unless they do clear abominations. These are the laws of Allah and whoever violates the laws of Allah, then indeed he has wronged himself. You don't know that maybe Allah will make after that something new." (Surat At-Thalaaq: 1) (Departemen Agama RI, 2020)

In Islam, divorce is permissible (mubah) if the marital relationship can no longer be maintained. In this case, the Prophet said:

أبغض الحلال الى الله الطلاق

"The most hated lawful act by Allah is divorce". (Narrated by Abu Dawud and Ibn Majah and considered authentic by Imam Al-Hakim) (Hadi, n.d.)

The legal basis for divorce is also regulated in Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage which contains the basic substance of divorce law in Indonesia article 38, marriage can be broken because:

- a. Death;
- b. Divorce; and
- c. On the decision of the Court. (Indonesia, 1974)

Based on several legal sources, the divorce law (Talaq) is divided into 4 (four), namely:

1. Wajib

If there is a dispute between husband and wife divorce is used as a goal to resolve the conflict between husband and wife if each party sees that divorce is the only way to end the dispute. In addition to the *syiqaq* in the *Ila case* where the husband swears not to interfere with his wife, it can also require divorce. (Elyanur, 2017)

2. Sunnah

Divorce is sunnah if the wife is morally corrupt, commits adultery violates religious prohibitions, or leaves religious obligations, such as leaving prayer, and fasting, the wife does not " *ififah* (protect herself, behave dishonorably). This is because such a wife will degrade the dignity of religion, disturb the husband's bed, and not guarantee the safety of the child being born. (Elyanur, 2017)

3. Haram

Divorce is unlawful if it is not done because of a demand brings harm to the husband and wife and does not provide good for both of them. (Syari, 2015)

4. Makruh

Based on the hadith which stipulates that divorce is a lawful way that Allah hates the most, that is, it is hated if there is no justified reason, while the Prophet did not forbid it also because divorce (*talaq*) can eliminate the benefits contained in marriage (Siregar, 2017). Divorce is the last alternative as an emergency door that can be taken when the ark of domestic life can no longer be maintained in its integrity and continuity. As a last resort, Islam shows that before the divorce, peace efforts are made between the two parties, because the marriage bond is the most sacred and solid. Even though Islam justifies divorce, Allah SWT himself hates it. Therefore, divorce is better avoided.

Divorce Outside Religious Courts According to Islamic Law

For Muslims, marriage is not only considered sacred but also means worship, because family life, in addition to preserving the survival of human children, also ensures social stability and a dignified existence for men and women. Marriage has a noble purpose and noble motive because marriage is a place of love, affection, and an intimate reciprocal relationship between husband and

wife. According to the Madzhab circles, the most important thing is that the marriage is fulfilled in harmony and the conditions of the marriage are carried out, then the marriage is considered valid. (RAHMAWATI et al., 2018)

There are differences of opinion about the meaning of marriage, but from all the formulations put forward, there is one element that is the commonest of all opinions, namely that marriage is an engagement agreement between a man and a woman. (Reardon, 2018)

Along with the progress of administration in the field of *muamalah* in Indonesia, the implementation of marriage and divorce registration by the government is very necessary. This is a preventive measure for the parties involved or as a result of the marriage. Regarding marriage or divorce, there must be a recording as authentic evidence so that there is no harm. (Hanapi & Yuhermansyah, 2020)

Divorce or the fall of Talaq in Islamic law when the husband intentionally or not utters words that contain elements of Talaq, can be declared Talaq to his wife (Redding, 2021). There are still many people who divorce outside the Religious Court Session which is not under the provisions of the Marriage Law Number 1 of 1974. Thus, the existence of an illegal status indicates that marriages whose divorce process is carried out outside the Religious Courts Session indirectly indicate a prohibition on carrying out divorce proceedings. A new marriage with a different partner. The invalid status of a new marriage after an illegal divorce also applies to the wife who has a new marriage after an illegal divorce. (Misran & Agustina, 2017)

Underhand divorce or divorce outside the Court Session is a phenomenon in society as a result of the implementation of divorce law in the community that is not following the provisions of Positive Law. In Islamic law, divorce is regulated by the Qur'an and Hadith, so as long as the divorce meets the Shari'a and the pillars that have been set, the divorce is considered valid. (Ratnawaty, 2017)

This kind of divorce is still legal in Fiqh but does not provide legal certainty, because there is no authentic evidence issued by the competent authority so it causes a lot of harm. This cannot be denied and is a reality in people's lives that this condition is still widely implemented and is still accepted by the community that divorce under Islamic Law (Fiqh) is a choice of law in divorce. (Nurhasan & Yani, 2019)

Some Fiqh experts have different opinions about divorce, according to Fiqh scholars divorce does not have to be done in front of a court session. This fact is still happening in society. As a result, the wife is often harmed. Then this seems to be a justification because there is an assumption that the opinion of Fiqh experts is an opinion that is under Islamic teachings, so there is nothing wrong with this action (Kalpaklıoğlu, 2021). If the husband has pronounced divorce to his wife, then the divorce falls and the divorce is considered religiously valid, so that the divorce does not have to be carried out in front of the Religious Court. Whether it is valid or not is if the pillars and conditions of divorce are fulfilled. (Fitri et al., 2019)

However, according to the Shia Imamiyyah Itsna'Asyariah and Ismailiyyah madzab say that divorce is not considered a fall if it is not accompanied by two just male witnesses, (Mughniyah, 2000) which is based on the Word of God:

فَإِذَا بَلَغْنَ أَجَلَهُنَّ فَأَمْسِكُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ أَوْ فَارِقُوهُنَّ بِمَعْرُوفٍ وَأَشْهِدُوا ذَوِي عَدْلٍ مِّنْكُمْ وَأَقِيمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ لِلَّهِ إِنَّكُمْ يُوَعَّظُ بِهِ مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا

"When they are nearing the end of their iddah, either refer to them well or release them properly and testify with two just witnesses between you and establish your testimony for the sake of Allah. This is taught with it those who believe in Allah and the hereafter. Whoever fears Allah, He will provide for him a way out" (Surah At-Thalaq: 2) (Departemen Agama RI, 2020)

According to the Shi'a madhab, the existence of two fair witnesses in the divorce is very important. And the opinion of the Shi'a madhab is very relevant to the laws in force in Indonesia. Even the presence of witnesses makes it beneficial for the parties concerned. To avoid the actions of the husband arbitrarily to the wife. (Ulfa, 2018)

Meanwhile, according to some understandings of the Indonesian people, divorce, according to Islamic law is something that can be done. They believe that a husband and wife who are separated by religious law are legal. This reason is a strong consideration so that it is used as a guide for some people who divorce outside the court. (Ratnawaty, 2017)

In the context of divorce, Imam Madhab does not state that the validity of divorce must be in front of a Court Session or before a Judge, but only with Shigat Talaq and witnesses. It is different in Law Number 1 of 1974 which explains about divorce, which can only be done before a court session. (Z. Hayati, 2017)

Fiqh scholars allow divorce based on the initiative of either the husband or the wife unilaterally. Divorce may be carried out without the intervention of the government or the judiciary. The divorce rules stated in the Marriage Act and the rules for their implementation are felt to be different from the Muslim community, causing differences of opinion for some people. (Cammack et al., 1996)

Likewise, Islamic scholars do not explain the existence of marriage registration as a pillar and condition for a valid marriage (Islahuddin et al., 2022). So the obligation to register marriage is understood as a new and official form. At the time of the best friends, it was enough for every marriage to cut a goat and beat a tambourine as a sign of a marriage, but in a complex and full of formality like today's society, such a party is not enough, it must be officially documented at the office in charge of taking care of it. (Widiasmara, 2010)

In Islamic law, the function of registering marriages in civil registration institutions is so that someone has evidence that he has married someone else. The Indonesian Muslim community already believes that a marriage that has fulfilled the pillars and conditions, then the marriage is said to be valid according to Islamic law. (Mintarsih & Mahdami, 2021)

This underhand marriage has attracted the attention of many people, so the law has been published in several Fatwas. In 2008, the Indonesian Ulama Council (MUI) issued Fatwa Number 10 2008 concerning Underhand Marriage, the fatwa states that marriage under the law is legal as long as the pillars and conditions of marriage are fulfilled. However, marriage is forbidden if there are *mudharats* in it, such as harming the wife and children. (Devy & Rizqi, 2018)

The issue of underhand marriage that must be chosen is an action to avoid or not to do if in the future it brings harm to other people (children and wife), so avoiding it is a choice that must be taken. The existence of a record is beneficial for the parties because it is an official document from the State that can be used as evidence in the event of a dispute related to marriage or a dispute due to marriage, for example, inheritance, child custody, maintenance, and others. (Iskhaq, 2022)

Regarding marriage under the hand in terms of Islamic law. The validity of a marriage does not depend on whether it is registered or not in a recording institution, but what makes a marriage valid or not lies in the terms and pillars of the marriage. (Iismiaty et al., 2020)

In Islamic law, marriage is valid if the pillars and conditions are fulfilled. To be known to the public, marriages that are carried out should be announced to a wide audience, in this case the Messenger of Allah said:

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: مَا هَذَا؟ قَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنِّي تَزَوَّجْتُ امْرَأَةً عَلَى وَرْثِنِ نَوَاقِثٍ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ. قَالَ: فَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ لَكَ. أَوْلِمَ وَ لَوْ بِشَاةٍ مُسَلِمٍ

Meaning: From Anas, son of Malik Ra, That the Messenger of Allah saw yellow marks on Abdulrahman son of Auf, then he asked: What is this? "He replied, Yes, Messenger of Allah, indeed I have married a woman with a dowry of some gold the size of a date seed." He said: May Allah bless you, even if you have a goat. (Hadith agreed by Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim). (Anhar et al., 2020)

In contrast to the rules stated in the Marriage Law, Fiqh experts have different opinions that divorce is legal even though it is done out of court. Madzhab scholars think that divorce does not have to be carried out in front of the Religious Courts. (Rinalti et al., 2020)

If the husband has pronounced divorce to his wife, then the divorce falls and the divorce is considered religiously valid, so that the divorce does not have to be carried out in front of the Religious Court. Whether it is valid or not is if the pillars and conditions of divorce are fulfilled. (Ahmad, 2008)

Women who are divorced outside the religious court, according to Islamic Fiqh have the right to be married by someone else because the previous divorce was considered valid and had fulfilled the pillars and conditions. According to some Muslims, marriage is valid if it is carried out according to Islamic law, while marriage registration is only an administrative obligation. (Orin, 2020)

Thus, according to Islamic Fiqh, the law of marriage for women who are divorced outside the Religious Courts is legal. In the pillars and conditions of marriage, Islamic scholars do not explain the existence of marriage registration as a condition for a valid marriage, as long as the pillars and conditions of marriage are fulfilled, the marriage is considered valid. (Kusmayanti & Ramadhanty, 2021)

Divorce Outside Religious Courts According to Positive Law

Marriage is a sacred bond that is closely related to religious teachings, therefore every religion always connects marriage rules with religious principles. In the event of a marriage, legal norms and regulations are needed to regulate it. One of the first steps to getting legal guarantees in a marriage is to register it with the competent authority. (Muttaqin, 2020)

According to the Marriage Law Number 1 of 1974, what is meant by marriage are:

Article 1:

"Marriage is an inner and an outer bond between a man and a woman as husband and wife to form a happy and eternal family based on the One Godhead". (Indonesia, 1974)

In the Compilation of Islamic Law, what is meant by marriage is:

Section 2:

"Marriage according to Islamic law is a marriage, which is a very strong contract or *mitsaqan ghalidzan* to obey Allah's commands and carry it out as worship". (Indonesia, 1974)

A marriage will be considered valid if it is carried out and recorded by the Marriage Registrar. This is as explained in Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage called marriage registration with various procedures, namely:

Article 2 Paragraph:

- 1) Marriage is legal if it is carried out according to the laws of each religion and belief. (Indonesia, 1974)
- 2) Each marriage is recorded according to the applicable laws and regulations. (Indonesia, 1974)

From the provisions of Article 2 paragraph (1) of Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage mentioned above, it is clear that the marriage law determines the validity of a marriage based on the religious legal rules and beliefs of each adherent.

This is clarified in the KHI (Compilation of Islamic Law): (Indonesia, 2017)

Article 5 Paragraph:

- 1) "To ensure the orderliness of marriage for the Islamic community, every marriage must be recorded."

- 2) "The registration of the marriage as stated in paragraph (1) is carried out by the Marriage Registrar (PPN) as regulated in Law Number 22 of 1946 in conjunction with Law Number 32 of 1945.

Article 6 Paragraph:

- 1) "To fulfill the provisions in Article 5, every marriage must be held before and under the supervision of a Marriage Registrar.
- 2) "Marriages that are carried out outside the supervision of the marriage registrar have no legal force."

Article 7 Paragraph:

- 1) "Marriage can only be proven by a Marriage Certificate made by a Marriage Registrar"

In Government Regulation Number 9 of 1975 concerning the implementation of the marriage law, it is determined: (Indonesia, 1975)

Article 3:

1. Every person who will enter into a marriage shall notify the Registrar of his wishes to the Registrar at the place where the marriage will take place.
2. The notification referred to in paragraph (1) is carried out at least 10 working days before the marriage takes place.
3. The exception, of the period referred to in paragraph 2 is due to an important reason, given by the Camat (on behalf of) the Regent of the Regional Head.

In Indonesia, 2 agencies are tasked with registering marriages and divorces (and reconciliation). The institutions or institutions in question are:

1. District Office of Religious Affairs for Marriage, Divorce, and Rujuk for people of various Moslems.
2. Civil Registry Office for Marriage for non-Muslims. (Matnuh, 2016)

Thus, even though the registration of marriages in Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage is only regulated by one paragraph, in fact, the problem of recording is very dominant, this will appear regarding the marriage procedure itself which relates to recording. It is no exaggeration if there are legal experts who place it as an administrative requirement that also determines whether a marriage is legal according to positive law. (Jubaidah, 2003)

Marriages conducted outside the legal provisions will not receive recognition and are not protected by law. The act of not registering a marriage, even though the marriage has been carried out following Islamic teachings, is considered to have committed legal smuggling or disobeyed the law, so there is no opportunity to file a lawsuit legally. The issue of marriage with women who are divorced outside the Religious Courts gives an understanding that divorce has occurred outside the Religious Courts (Grijns & Horii, 2018). Because some people think the status of the woman

is still someone's wife. Divorce occurs a lot in society because people consider the pronouncement of *talaq* spoken by the husband to his wife to be sufficient to meet the requirements for divorce. (Jubaidah, 2003)

Marriage law in Indonesia does not recognize divorces carried out out of court, this aims to protect women and the wife in particular. In the perspective of Law Number 1 of 1974, divorce is carried out by husband and wife because of something that is justified by the court through the trial. (Fitri et al., 2019)

According to the law, divorce outside the trial of the Religious Court is a violation of the law, because, from a positive legal perspective, divorce must be carried out in front of a court session. Juridically, it can be said that divorce outside the court is invalid and must be canceled and the wife is still legally bound to her old husband. (Ratnawaty, 2017)

According to Law Number 1 of 1974

Article 39 Paragraph:

(1) "Divorce can only be carried out before a court session after the court concerned has tried and failed to reconcile the two parties". (Indonesia, 1974)

Later in the Compilation of Islamic Law

Article 113

Marriages can break up because:

- a. Death;
- b. Divorce; and
- c. Court ruling. (Indonesia, 2017)

Even though there are provisions regarding divorce, there are deviations made by people who divorce, while those that cause divorce outside the Court are:

1. It has become a habit.
2. Lack of legal awareness.
3. Personal matters to be covered.
4. Economic factors. (V. Hayati, 2015)

Based on the explanations of the positive law that regulates divorce procedures, it is known that the divorce handed down by the husband against the wife can only be carried out in front of a court hearing if the divorce has fulfilled these provisions, then a divorce is legally recognized by the State. (Minarrahmah, 2020)

Since the entry into force of the Marriage Law, it is not possible to divorce outside the Court. To divorce, there must be a sufficient reason that the husband and wife cannot live in harmony again. However, with the enactment of the Marriage Law, it does not have much effect on some

people, who are used to divorce outside the court, even though it will have a negative impact. That the divorce status has no legal effect or force because the divorce decision was not made before a Religious Court trial. (V. Hayati, 2015)

The consequences that arise due to divorce outside the Court are: there is no legal, legality of the divorce, the wife cannot get her rights, and the children are neglected and do not get an inheritance. Thus, it is hoped that the public will be aware of and obey the law by implementing the applicable regulations. (Isa, 2014)

From these provisions, it can be seen that a marriage is valid if it is carried out according to each law and belief. This means that if a marriage has fulfilled the requirements and pillars, then the marriage is valid. Not only legal in the eyes of the community, but also legalized by the State. Judging from the applicable law in Indonesia, subsequent marriages carried out by divorced couples outside the Religious Courts are invalid or illegal. (Grijns & Horii, 2018)

The illegal status of new marriages conducted after divorce illegally. According to Bagir Manan quoted by Neng Djubaidah in the book Registration of marriages, and marriages are not recorded according to written law in Indonesia and Islamic law, a valid marriage is a marriage that meets the provisions of Article 2 paragraph (1) of the Marriage Law Number 1 of 1974, which is legal according to religion, which has legal consequences as well. (Jubaidah, 2003)

Islam justifies a husband who is going to divorce his wife, it is only enough to say it in front of his wife or other people, then he still gets divorced, but in the existing regulations, he must obey the rules of government, because it is part of the obligation as Muslims. The government establishes a marriage regarding divorce to maintain order in the administration, such as the problem of registering marriages, the birth of children, and making divorce difficult. (V. Hayati, 2015)

Likewise, the opinion of H. Samarul Falah, MH, Judge of the Surabaya Religious Court who said that it is illegal to marry a divorced woman outside the Religious Court because the woman is still someone else's wife. Marriage or divorce must be registered to obtain authentic evidence. When one person submits a marriage application for divorce to obtain legalization of divorce, which is carried out outside the Religious Court trial to the Religious Court, the Judge grants the marriage lawsuit for divorce with the judge's consideration and reasons for legal interests. (Samarul Falah, 2020)

In the practice of divorce law in the case of women who are divorced outside the Religious Courts to obtain the legality of a new marriage, the effort made is to do isbath Nikah for divorce. The Isbath marriage of divorce is a marriage ratification when divorce is out of court and the wants to get married officially according to the rules of law. Isbath marriage, marriage is a legal process that must be taken by married couples in the Religious Courts so that unregistered marriages are legal according to Islamic law, then the marriage is recorded and valid according to state law.

Although the Isbath of Marriage for divorce is not regulated in the Act, the judge can give a decision even though the legislation does not explain the case or is called Ijtihad Hakim, because only the Judge can decide the Law (Legal Findings). (Samarul Falah, 2020)

People who are Muslim are required to be consistent in basic matters such as Marriage and Divorce by following existing regulations, for example: registering marriages and making divorces in front of the Religious Courts. In order not to cause things that are not desirable and do not harm both parties. (Nisa, 2018)

Conclusion

Based on the explanation above, marriage for divorced women outside the religious courts from the perspective of Fiqh and Positive Law can be concluded to be a new fact that exists in society. Divorce outside the religious court in the Fiqh is considered valid because it is not a pillar and a condition for divorce. Therefore, marrying a divorced woman, both verbally and in writing without going through a court process is declared valid.

The legality of marriage for women who are divorced outside the Religious Courts when they want to remarry, the marriage is considered invalid or illegal according to Law Number 1 of 1974. Because they do not divorce, according to applicable procedures. Therefore, the invalidity of the marital status after an illegal divorce will have an impact on the status of the child resulting from an illegal marriage, which makes the child illegitimate according to the legislation.

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