

of the person to be adopted, such natural parent need not join in the petition with the adopting parent, but need only give his or her consent to the adoption, as provided elsewhere in this sub-title.

85E. (Who May Be Adopted.) Any person, whether a minor or an adult, may be adopted.

85F. (Petition.) Every petition filed for the adoption of a minor under 21 years of age shall be under oath or affirmation of the petitioner and the titling thereof shall be substantially as follows: "Ex parte in the matter of the petition of. for the adoption of a minor." The petition or the exhibits annexed hereto shall contain the following information:

(a) The name, sex, date and place of birth of the person to be adopted, and the names and addresses and residences of the natural parents, if known to the petitioner;

(b) The name, address, age, business or employment of the petitioner, and the name of the employer, if any, of the petitioner;

(c) The names and relationship to the petitioner of any members of the immediate family of the petitioner, and the relationship, if any, of the person to be adopted to the petitioner;

(d) The race and religious affiliation, if any, of the person to be adopted, or of his natural parent or parents;

(e) The race and religious affiliation, if any, of the petitioner;

(f) The names and addresses of the natural persons, and the institutions which have had physical or legal care and custody of the child since its birth, and the period of time during which such natural persons and institutions have had such care and custody and whether the homes of such natural persons and institutions were duly registered or licensed under the laws of the State with reference to foster homes;

(g) Any change of name which may be desired.

If any of the above facts are unknown to the petitioner, the petition shall state this fact. If any of the above facts are known to a child care or child placement agency, which as a matter of social policy declines to disclose them to the petitioner, the facts may be disclosed to the court in an exhibit filed with the petition by the agency in question. If more than one petitioner joins in a petition, the requirements of this section shall be applicable to each petitioner.