

adoption. Withdrawal of consent shall thereafter be prohibited, unless permitted by the Court at a hearing at which all parties to the adoption proceedings are given an opportunity to be heard.

Minority of a natural parent shall not be a bar to such parent's consent to adoption, and the adoption shall not thereby be invalidated.

85H. (Notice.) Due notice of pending adoption proceedings shall be given immediately upon the filing of a petition by summons, order of publication or otherwise, as the Court may order to be given to any person or persons whose consent is necessary thereto. Provided, however, that any party or parties who have formally given their consent to the proposed adoption, as provided elsewhere in this sub-title, shall be held thereby to have waived the requirement of notice to them under the provisions of this section. Provided further, however, that in no event shall a consent executed by a natural mother before the end of the first thirty days of the child's life constitute a waiver of the requirement of notice provided for in this section.

85-I. (Investigation.) Upon the filing of a petition, except in those cases in which the Court shall have such intimate and personal knowledge of the facts and circumstances as to enable it to determine the matter without the aid of an investigation or, unless a report by one of the agencies hereinafter mentioned is filed with the petition, the Court may direct the State Department of Public Welfare, or one of its local units, or a child placement agency licensed by the State Department of Public Welfare, or in its discretion may direct its own Probation Department or other officer or appointee of the Court:

(1) To make an investigation—

- (a) of the truth of the allegations of the petition;
- (b) of the former environment, antecedents and assets, if any, of the person to be adopted, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such person is a proper subject for adoption;
- (c) of the home of the petitioner or petitioners, to determine whether the home is a suitable one for such person;
- (d) of any other circumstances and conditions which may have a bearing on the adoption and of which the Court should have knowledge;