

(c) Whenever a fiduciary, as herein defined, is engaged in war service as also herein defined, such fiduciary, or any co-fiduciary or his surety or sureties or other person having an interest in the subject matter of the trust, may present a petition to the court wherein the trust is being administered, or, if not being administered under the jurisdiction of any court, to the court exercising equity jurisdiction in the place where the trust is being administered, praying for the passage of an order suspending the powers and duties of such fiduciary so engaged in war service and, where necessary, appointing a substitute or successor. In addition to the name of the fiduciary engaged in war service, the petition shall state the nature of the trust, the relation of the petitioner thereto, the character and estimated value of the trust property, the names and addresses of any co-fiduciaries or alternates, and the names and addresses of the principal beneficiaries of the trust, so far as known to the petitioner. The petition shall be sworn to by the petitioner and, if filed by a person other than the fiduciary engaged in war service, shall, in addition, be supported by the affidavit of such fiduciary, or by the affidavit of some other competent person certifying to the belief that such fiduciary is engaged in such war service or that since entering such service he has been reported or is believed to be missing.

(d) The petition may be filed and acted upon by the court ex parte, or, before proceeding to decree, the court may require that such persons be made parties to the proceeding and such notice and opportunity to be heard be given them as may appear, in its discretion, necessary to protect the trust and the parties interested therein.

(e) Upon presentation of the petition and after such hearing thereon, ex parte or otherwise, as the court may require, the court may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, suspend the fiduciary engaged in war service from the exercise of all of his powers, duties, discretions and privileges as a fiduciary of the trust, and, where necessary, appoint a substitute or successor; and the court may, upon the same petition, by the express terms of its order, assume jurisdiction over the further administration of the trust if it had not previously done so, or may confine its order solely to the suspension of the trustee and, where necessary, the appointment of his substitute or successor.

(f) The period of suspension shall begin on the date of the passage of the order suspending such fiduciary, if no other date be specified in said order, and, provided the court shall pass an order of reinstatement upon due application as herein provided, shall end on the date of the requalifi-