

(a) The person to be adopted, if he is ten years of age or over; and also,

(b) Both the natural parents, if married, if they are alive and have not lost their parental rights through court action or voluntary relinquishment or abandonment; or

(c) One natural parent, if the other is not alive or has lost his parental rights as mentioned in (b) above; or

(d) The mother of a child born out of wedlock, if she is alive and has not lost her parental rights through court action or voluntary relinquishment or abandonment, except that if the child has been legitimated according to the laws of any jurisdiction, the consent of the father shall then also be required, if he is alive and has not subsequently lost his parental rights through court action or voluntary relinquishment or abandonment; or

(e) The mother of a child born in wedlock, if she is alive and has not lost her parental rights through court action or voluntary relinquishment or abandonment, and if the illegitimacy of the child has been established to the satisfaction of the court; or

(f) The legal guardian of the person to be adopted, if parental rights with right to consent to adoption, *or long-term care short of adoption*, as provided in Section 72 above, has been transferred by court action to such guardian; or

(g) The executive head of any public or private child care or child placement institution or agency which through court action under Section 72 above, or voluntary relinquishment has been given the care, custody and control of the person to be adopted, including the right to consent to such an adoption, *or long-term care short of adoption*; or

(h) The State Department of Social Services or its local unit within the jurisdiction of the court, in any condition of fact not hereinbefore covered.

Any consent obtained under the provisions of this section may be revoked and cancelled at any time before final decree, but not after a guardianship decree under Section 72 above, if one be had, or not after an interlocutory decree, if one be had.

Minority of a natural parent shall not place such parent under a disability in adoption or guardianship [with the right to consent to adoption] proceedings *under this subtitle* and such parent, if he has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, may give a valid consent to adoption or guardianship [with the right to consent to adoption] *under this subtitle* and/or join as a party in such proceedings and shall be considered sui juris and no adoption or guardianship [with right to consent to adoption] *under this subtitle* shall be invalidated because of the minority of a natural parent.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

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