

(2) THE FATHER; AND

(3) THE PERSON TO BE ADOPTED, IF 10 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

(B) IF NATURAL PARENTS' RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED BY A VALID JUDICIAL PROCEEDING, CONSENT TO AN ADOPTION SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM:

(1) THE DIRECTOR OR EXECUTIVE HEAD OF A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PERSON TO BE ADOPTED; AND

(2) THE PERSON TO BE ADOPTED, IF 10 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

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(A) A PETITION FOR ADOPTION MAY BE PRECEDED BY A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP. A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP MAY ONLY BE FILED BY AND GRANTED TO THE DIRECTOR OR EXECUTIVE HEAD OF A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY.

(B) WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES ENUMERATED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AND AFTER AN INVESTIGATION AND HEARING AS THE COURT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, THE COURT MAY GRANT A DECREE AWARDED GUARDIANSHIP. THE DECREE:

(1) TERMINATES THE NATURAL PARENTS' RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS;

(2) ELIMINATES THE NECESSITY OF GIVING NOTICE TO THE NATURAL PARENTS OF THE FILING OF A PETITION FOR ADOPTION; AND

(3) ELIMINATES THE NECESSITY OF FURTHER CONSENT TO AN ADOPTION BY THE NATURAL PARENTS.

(C) CONSENT TO GUARDIANSHIP SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM:

(1) THE MOTHER; AND

(2) THE FATHER.

(D) A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY WHICH WAS GRANTED GUARDIANSHIP WITH THE RIGHT TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1967, MAY ALSO CONSENT TO LONG-TERM CARE SHORT OF ADOPTION. THE GUARDIAN'S CONSENT IS VALID ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE COURT, ON THE APPROPRIATE PETITION, AND AFTER AN INVESTIGATION AND HEARING AS THE COURT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

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