

ONLY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD BE SUBJECT TO GUARDIANSHIP OR A LOCAL DEPARTMENT MAY FILE A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP UNDER THIS PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) AGE LIMIT.

A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE FILED BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL ATTAINS 18 YEARS OF AGE.

(D) CONTENTS.

A PETITIONER UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ATTACH TO A PETITION:

(1) ALL WRITTEN CONSENTS FOR THE GUARDIANSHIP THAT THE PETITIONER HAS;

(2) IF APPLICABLE:

(I) PROOF OF GUARDIANSHIP OR RELINQUISHMENT OF PARENTAL RIGHTS GRANTED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, OR JUDICIAL BODY OF A STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION; AND

(II) CERTIFICATION THAT THE GUARDIANSHIP OR RELINQUISHMENT WAS GRANTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JURISDICTION'S LAWS; AND

(3) A NOTICE OF FILING THAT:

(I) STATES THE DATE ON WHICH THE PETITION WAS FILED;

(II) IDENTIFIES EACH PERSON WHOSE CONSENT WAS FILED WITH THE PETITION;

(III) STATES THE OBLIGATION OF A PARENT TO GIVE THE JUVENILE COURT AND LOCAL DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF EACH CHANGE IN THE PARENT'S ADDRESS;

(IV) HAS PRINTED ON IT THE WEBSITE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 18 OF THE CODE; AND

(V) INCLUDES NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF AN AGREEMENT OR CONSENT.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is derived from former FL § 5-317(a) and revised to mandate, rather than allow, a "guardianship" petition and, in conjunction with new § 5-302, to apply only to a child in need of assistance in the custody of a local department, rather than the former "child".

Subsection (b) of this section is derived from former FL § 5-317(b), only as it related to CINAs, so that the reference to a petition of a child in need of assistance or local department is substituted for the former reference to "the executive head of a child placement agency or ... child" petitioning for "the agency to be granted guardianship".