

Subsection (e)(2)(ii) of this section is substituted for former FL § 5-322(e)(1)(ii), which referred to a local department.

Subsection (e)(2)(viii) of this section is new and added for completeness.

Subsection (f)(1) and (3)(i) of this section is derived from former FL § 5-322(c)(2) and (3).

Subsection (f)(2) of this section is new and added to give a clerk a statutory form that will afford adequate notice.

Subsection (f)(3)(ii) of this section is new and added to afford an additional means of notice by publication on a website.

In subsections (b)(1), (d)(1), and (e)(1) of this section, the former word “natural” is omitted, to reflect that the parental rights of a nonbiological – i.e., adoptive – parent can be terminated in the same manner as a biological parent’s can.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the reference to a “paren[t] who has not consented” is substituted, for brevity, for the reference, in former FL § 5-322(a)(1)(i), to the “person whose consent is required” and for former FL § 5-322(a)(2), which exempted persons having consented already.

Also in subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former limitation as to “a petition ... filed after ... the child has been adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance” is omitted, and references to a “child” and the “CINA case” are substituted for the former references to a “minor child” and “juvenile proceeding”, to conform to the revised scope of this subtitle. The similar limitation and the former language “[f]or a petition filed by a local department of social services” also are omitted in subsections (e)(1) and (f)(1) of this section.

In subsection (b)(3) of this section, reference to the “last attorney of record” is substituted for the former reference to the attorney “who represented” a child, to ensure service on the most recent attorney.

Subsection (d)(1) of this section is revised to require attempt at service, at addresses available from all, rather than just one, of the listed sources, for a parent whether present or not present at a CINA hearing. Accordingly, the requirement in former FL § 5-322(a)(3) for attempted service at the “last known address” of “each person whose consent is required” is omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (d)(1)(i) and (ii) of this section, the references to “270 days” are substituted for the former 6-month period, to extend the period and to allow easier calculation of the period. Similarly, in the introductory language of subsection (e)(2) of this section, reference to “180 days” is substituted for the former 6-month period, while in subsection (e)(2)(vi) and (vii), references to “180 days” are substituted for former 9-month periods.