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PART IV. ADOPTION AFTER TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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(A) AUTHORIZED.

IF, AFTER TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AS TO A CHILD, THERE IS AN OPEN GUARDIANSHIP CASE, A PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF THE CHILD MAY BE FILED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) PETITIONER.

(1) ANY ADULT MAY PETITION A JUVENILE COURT FOR AN ADOPTION UNDER THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) IF A PETITIONER UNDER THIS SECTION IS MARRIED, THE PETITIONER'S SPOUSE SHALL JOIN IN THE PETITION UNLESS THE SPOUSE:

(I) IS SEPARATED FROM THE PETITIONER UNDER A CIRCUMSTANCE THAT GIVES THE PETITIONER A GROUND FOR ANNULMENT OR DIVORCE; OR

(II) IS NOT COMPETENT TO JOIN IN THE PETITION.

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(1) A PETITIONER UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL ATTACH TO A PETITION:

(I) 1. ALL WRITTEN CONSENTS REQUIRED UNDER § 5-350 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

2. IF APPLICABLE:

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

B. CERTIFICATION THAT THE GUARDIANSHIP OR RELINQUISHMENT WAS GRANTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JURISDICTION'S LAWS;

(II) A COPY OF AN AGREEMENT, IF ANY, FOR POSTADOPTION CONTACT; AND

(III) A NOTICE OF FILING THAT:

1. STATES THE DATE ON WHICH THE PETITION WAS FILED;

2. IDENTIFIES EACH GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OR PERSON WHOSE CONSENT WAS FILED WITH THE PETITION;