

3. IF APPLICABLE, STATES THAT A POSTADOPTION AGREEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE PETITION; AND

4. INCLUDES NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF AN AGREEMENT OR CONSENT.

(2) IN ADDITION TO A COPY OF AN AGREEMENT FOR POSTADOPTION CONTACT, A PETITIONER SHALL FILE THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT UNDER SEAL.

(D) AMENDED PETITION.

IF THE MARITAL STATUS OF A PETITIONER CHANGES BEFORE ENTRY OF AN ORDER, THE PETITIONER SHALL AMEND THE PETITION ACCORDINGLY.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new and added to distinguish adoptions after termination of parental rights with an open guardianship case from those under Part III of this subtitle as to adoptions prior to termination and from those under Part II when a guardianship case is terminated after an individual is granted custody and guardianship of a child, in which case a guardian must petition for adoption under new § 5-3B-13(c).

Subsection (b)(1) of this section is derived from former FL § 5-309(a).

Subsections (b)(2) and (d) of this section are derived from former FL § 5-315(a)(2) and (3) and (b).

Subsection (c) of this section is new and added to specify minimum requirements as to a petition under this section.

In subsection (d) of this section, the word "order" is substituted for the former, more archaic "decree".

Former FL § 5-315(a)(1), which provided an exception for the petitioner whose spouse is a parent, is omitted from this Part IV.

As to "adult", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Child" § 5-301

"Guardianship" § 5-301

"Identifying information" § 5-301

"Includes" § 1-101

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"Juvenile court" § 1-101

"Person" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101