

(B) MINIMUM LIMIT.

A JUVENILE COURT MAY NOT ENTER AN ORDER FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD UNDER THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE BEFORE THE LATER OF:

- (1) 30 DAYS AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE CHILD; OR
- (2) 10 DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE IS SERVED UNDER § 5-346 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL §§ 5-317(d) and 5-324, as they related to adoptions.

In subsection (a) of this section, the word "promptly" is added for emphasis.

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the reference to 10 days after service is substituted for the former reference to the revocation period, thereby incorporating Md. Rule 1-203(c).

Defined terms: "Child" § 5-301

"Juvenile court" § 1-101

5-349. CONSIDERATIONS.

(A) GENERAL.

IN RULING ON A PETITION FOR A CHILD'S ADOPTION UNDER THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE, A JUVENILE COURT SHALL CONSIDER:

(1) ANY ASSURANCE BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO FUND NEEDED SUPPORT FOR THE CHILD;

(2) ALL FACTORS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS; AND

(3) A REPORT BY A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY, COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, AS TO:

(I) THE SUITABILITY OF THE PETITIONER TO BE THE CHILD'S PARENT; AND

(II) THE CHILD'S SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION WITH THE PETITIONER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OR ITS AGENT FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS OR A SHORTER PERIOD ALLOWED BY THE JUVENILE COURT ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

(B) MARITAL STATUS.

IN RULING ON A PETITION FOR ADOPTION UNDER THIS PART IV OF THIS SUBTITLE, A JUVENILE COURT MAY NOT DENY A PETITION FOR ADOPTION SOLELY BECAUSE THE PETITIONER IS SINGLE OR UNMARRIED.

COMMITTEE NOTE: Subsections (a)(1) and (b) of this section are derived from former FL §§ 5-309 and 5-316(1).