

(2) In an independent adoption, if the court is satisfied by affidavit or testimony that the petitioner, after reasonable efforts in good faith, cannot learn the identity or location of a natural parent, the court may not waive the requirement of notice to the natural parent, but the court shall:

(i) order notice by publication; or

(ii) if the court finds the petitioner to be indigent, order notice by posting.

(c) If a person is notified under this section and fails to [intervene] FILE NOTICE OF OBJECTION within the time stated in the show cause order[,]:

(1) the court shall consider the [requirement of consent by that] person WHO IS NOTIFIED TO HAVE CONSENTED to the adoption or to the guardianship [to be waived]; AND

(2) THE PETITION SHALL BE TREATED IN THE SAME MANNER AS A PETITION IN WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN GRANTED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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CHAPTER 283

(House Bill 937)

AN ACT concerning

Decree of Adoption Without Consent of Natural
Parent - Considerations

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to consider whether additional services would be likely to bring about certain parental adjustment within a specific period of time in a proceeding for a decree of adoption without the consent of a natural parent; requiring a court to consider certain services offered to the natural parent in a determination of a certain proceeding for a decree of adoption; authorizing a court to waive certain obligations of a child placement agency under certain circumstances; providing for the construction and application of this Act; and generally relating to the requirement that a court consider certain factors in a proceeding for a decree of adoption without the consent of a natural parent.