

court of any change in address; requiring the clerk of the juvenile court to maintain a certain listing of address and to disclose an address to the local department of social services under certain circumstances; and generally relating to notice in adoption and guardianship proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-322

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1984 Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3-837

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

5-322.

(a) (1) (i) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a petitioner shall give to each person whose consent is required notice of the filing of a petition for adoption or a petition for guardianship.

(ii) In addition to the notice of filing required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, if a petition for guardianship is filed after a juvenile proceeding in which the child has been adjudicated to be a child in need of assistance, a neglected child, or an abused child, a petitioner shall give notice of the filing of the petition for guardianship to the attorney who represented a natural parent in the juvenile proceeding.

(2) A person whose consent is filed with the petition need not be given notice if the consent includes a waiver of the right to notice of the filing of the petition.

(3) The petitioner shall give notice by entry and service of a show cause order sent to the last known address that the petitioner has for each person.

(B) IF A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP IS FILED AFTER A JUVENILE PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE CHILD HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, THE PETITIONER SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE CHILD'S NATURAL PARENT BY SERVING A SHOW CAUSE ORDER BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR PRIVATE PROCESS:

(1) ON THE NATURAL PARENT AT THE LATEST ADDRESS LISTED IN JUVENILE COURT RECORDS MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-837 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE; OR