

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 18-A: PROBATE CODE

Article :

§9-303. PETITION

(a). A petition for adoption must be sworn to by the petitioner and must include:

(1). The full name, age and place of residence of the petitioner and, if married, the place and date of marriage; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(2). The date and place of birth of the adoptee, if known; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(3). The birth name of the adoptee, any other names by which the adoptee has been known and the adoptee's proposed new name, if any; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(4). The residence of the adoptee at the time of the filing of the petition; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(5). The petitioner's intention to establish a parent and child relationship between the petitioner and the adoptee and a statement that the petitioner is a fit and proper person able to care and provide for the adoptee's welfare; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(6). The names and addresses of all persons or agencies known to the petitioner that affect the custody, visitation or access to the adoptee; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(7). The relationship, if any, of the petitioner to the adoptee; [1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF).]

(8). The names and addresses of the department and the licensed child-placing agency, if any; [2015, c. 274, §3 (AMD).]

(9). The names and addresses of all persons known to the petitioner at the time of filing from whom consent to the adoption is required; and [2015, c. 274, §3 (AMD).]

(10). A statement that the petitioner acknowledges that after the adoption is finalized, the transfer of the long-term care and custody of the child without a court order is prohibited under Title 17-A, section 553, subsection 1, paragraphs C and D. [2015, c. 274, §3 (NEW).]

[2015, c. 274, §3 (AMD) .]

(b). A petitioner shall indicate to the court what information the petitioner is willing to share with the biological parents and under what circumstances and shall provide a mechanism for updating that information.

[1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) .]

(c). The caption of a petition for adoption may be styled "In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of (name of adoptee)." The petitioner must also be designated in the caption.

[1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 (NEW); 1995, c. 694, Pt. E, §2 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1995, c. 694, §C7 (NEW). 1995, c. 694, §E2 (AFF). 2015, c. 274, §3 (AMD).

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