

**600A.5 Petition for termination.**

1. The following persons may petition a juvenile court for termination of parental rights under this chapter if the child of the parent-child relationship is born or expected to be born within one hundred eighty days of the date of petition filing:

- a. A parent or prospective parent of the parent-child relationship.
- b. A custodian or guardian of the child.

2. A petition for termination of parental rights shall be filed with the juvenile court in the county in which the guardian or custodian of the child resides or the child, the biological mother or the pregnant woman is domiciled. If a juvenile court has made an order pertaining to a minor child under chapter 232, division III, and that order is still in force, the termination proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of chapter 232, division IV.

3. A petition for termination of parental rights shall include the following:

a. The legal name, age and domicile, if any, of the child.

b. The names, residences, and domicile of any:

- (1) Living parents of the child.
- (2) Guardian of the child.
- (3) Custodian of the child.
- (4) Guardian ad litem of the child.
- (5) Petitioner.
- (6) Person standing in the place of the parents of the child.

c. A plain statement of the facts and grounds in section 600A.8 which indicate that the parent-child relationship should be terminated.

d. A plain statement explaining why the petitioner does not know any of the information required under paragraphs "a" and "b" of this subsection.

e. The signature and verification of the petitioner.

[C66, 71, 73, 75, §232.42, 232.43; C77, 79, 81, §600A.5]

94 Acts, ch 1046, §20; 95 Acts, ch 49, §21; 95 Acts, ch 182, §25