

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for parties that may petition for termination of parental rights and provides the grounds under which an individual's parental rights may be terminated.

New law adds the victim of a sex offense who is a custodial parent to the list of persons who may petition for termination of parental rights when the victim wishes to terminate the parental rights of the perpetrator.

New law expands the grounds for termination of parental rights to include an individual who has been convicted of or who has committed a sex offense defined in existing law (R.S. 15:541).

New law allows the petitioner's home address and parish, and that of each person for whom the petition is filed, to remain confidential when filing a petition for termination of parental rights of a sex offense perpetrator.

New law prohibits the collection of court costs from petitioners who seek to terminate parental rights of a sex offense perpetrator. Provides that the court costs, attorney fees, and other costs shall be paid by the perpetrator of the sex offense.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1007 and 1015; Adds Ch.C. Arts. 1004(I) and 1015.1)