SENATE BILL NO. 72

BY SENATOR WHITE

| I | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 633, 748, 844 and 1018, relative to petitions |
| 3 | in certain proceedings; to remove the requirement of verification of such petitions; |
| 4 | to provide for certain terms, conditions and procedures; and to provide for related |
| 5 | matters. |
| 6 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 7 | Section 1. Children's Code Articles 633, 748, 844 and 1018 are hereby amended and |
| 8 | reenacted to read as follows: |
| 9 | Art. 633. Form of petition |
| 10 | A. The petition shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court and |
| 11 | the title of the action. The petition shall be entitled, "The State of Louisiana in the |
| 12 | Interest of" |
| 13 | B. Allegations of fact shall be simple, concise, and direct and shall be set |
| 14 | forth in numbered paragraphs. As far as practicable, each paragraph shall be limited |
| 15 | to a single set of circumstances. |
| 16 | C. The petition shall be verified. Allegations of fact may be made on |
| 17 | information and belief. |
| 18 | Đ.C. Failure to comply with formal requirements of this Article shall not be |
| 19 | grounds for dismissal of a petition or invalidation of the proceedings unless it results |
| 20 | in substantial prejudice. |
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| 22 | Art. 748. Form of petition |
| 23 | A. The petition shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court and |
| 24 | the title of the action. The petition shall be entitled, "The State of Louisiana in the |
| 25 | Interest of". |
| 26 | B. Allegations of fact shall be simple, concise, and direct and shall be set |

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| 2 | to a single set of circumstances. |
| 3 | C. The petition shall be verified. Allegations of fact may be made on |
| 4 | information and belief. |
| 5 | Đ.C. Failure to comply with formal requirements of this Article shall not be |
| 6 | grounds for dismissal of a petition or invalidation of the proceedings unless it results |
| 7 | in substantial prejudice. |
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| 9 | Art. 844. Form of petition |
| 10 | A. The petition shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court and |
| 11 | the title of the action. The petition shall be entitled, "The State of Louisiana in the |
| 12 | Interest of ". |
| 13 | B. Allegations of fact shall be simple, concise, and direct and shall be set |
| 14 | forth in numbered paragraphs. As far as practicable, each paragraph shall be limited |
| 15 | to a single set of circumstances. |
| 16 | C. The petition shall be verified. Allegations of fact may be made on |
| 17 | information and belief. |
| 18 | D.C. Failure to comply with formal requirements of this Article shall not be |
| 19 | grounds for dismissal of a petition or invalidation of the proceedings unless it results |
| 20 | in substantial prejudice. |
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| 22 | Art. 1018. Form of petition |
| 23 | A. The petition shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court and |
| 24 | the title of the action. The petition shall be entitled, "The State of Louisiana in the |
| 25 | Interest of ". |
| 26 | B. Allegations of fact shall be simple, concise, and direct and shall be set |
| 27 | forth in numbered paragraphs. As far as practicable, each paragraph shall be limited |
| 28 | to a single set of circumstances. |
| 29 | C. The petition shall be verified. Allegations of fact may be made on |
| 30 | information and belief. |

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