Regular Session, 2014 SENATE BILL NO. 72 BY SENATOR WHITE

1	AN ACT
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	\underline{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. 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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1	forth in numbered paragraphs. As far as practicable, each paragraph shall be limited
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	D.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	\mathbf{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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1	\mathbf{D} . \mathbf{C} . Failure to comply with formal requirements of this Article shall not be
2	grounds for dismissal of a petition or invalidation of the proceedings unless it results
3	in substantial prejudice.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____