

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 ~~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

1 ~~D.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: _____