

**625.050 Petition.**

- (1) A petition for involuntary termination of parental rights shall be entitled "In the interest of ..., a child."
- (2) The petition shall be filed in the Circuit Court for any of the following counties:
  - (a) The county in which either parent resides or may be found;
  - (b) The county in which juvenile court actions, if any, concerning the child have commenced; or
  - (c) The county in which the child involved resides or is present.
- (3) Proceedings for involuntary termination of parental rights may be initiated upon petition by the cabinet, any child-placing agency licensed by the cabinet, any county or Commonwealth's attorney or parent.
- (4) The petition for involuntary termination of parental rights shall be verified and contain the following:
  - (a) Name and mailing address of each petitioner;
  - (b) Name, sex, date of birth and place of residence of the child;
  - (c) Name and address of the living parents of the child;
  - (d) Name, date of death and cause of death, if known, of any deceased parent;
  - (e) Name and address of the putative father, if known by the petitioner, of the child if not the same person as the legal father;
  - (f) Name and address of the person, cabinet or agency having custody of the child;
  - (g) Name and identity of the person, cabinet or authorized agency to whom custody is sought to be transferred;
  - (h) Statement that the person, cabinet or agency to whom custody is to be given has facilities available and is willing to receive the custody of the child;
  - (i) All pertinent information concerning termination or disclaimers of parenthood or voluntary consent to termination;
  - (j) Information as to the legal status of the child and the court so adjudicating; and
  - (k) A concise statement of the factual basis for the termination of parental rights.
- (5) No petition may be filed under this section prior to five (5) days after the birth of the child.

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