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2 Art. 1018. Form of petition

3 A. The petition shall contain a caption setting forth the name of the court and
4 the title of the action. The petition shall be entitled, "The State of Louisiana in the
5 Interest of . . .".

6 B. Allegations of fact shall be simple, concise, and direct and shall be set
7 forth in numbered paragraphs. As far as practicable, each paragraph shall be limited
8 to a single set of circumstances.

9 ~~C. The petition shall be verified.~~ Allegations of fact may be made on
10 information and belief.

11 ~~D. C.~~ Failure to comply with formal requirements of this Article shall not be
12 grounds for dismissal of a petition or invalidation of the proceedings unless it results
13 in substantial prejudice.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Julie J. Baxter.

DIGEST

White (SB 72)

Present law in Children's Code requires that petitions filed in child in need of care proceedings, family in need of services proceedings, juvenile delinquency proceedings and involuntary termination of parental right proceedings be verified.

Proposed law removes requirement that such petitions be verified.

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