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SB 81 Engrossed

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Bishop

Proposed law in Children's Code defines "diligent effort to locate" in curatorship proceedings to be efforts by the curator, under circumstances known to the curator, that are reasonably calculated to locate the absentee. Provides that these efforts may include review of court records, department records, law enforcement records, vital records, military records, directory assistance, internet search sites, and licensing agencies. Provides that publication is not required unless specifically provided in the Children's Code.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 405) provides for payment of curator fees from the parish or other funds available to the court.

Proposed law delineates responsibility for payment of curator expenses and fees depending upon whether the petitioner is the state or a private party.

Proposed law further provides relative to procedures for unidentified parents, including that it is not necessary to appoint a curator ad hoc for an unidentified father, and grounds and procedures relative to termination of parental rights, right to counsel and service, and prehearing and scheduling conferences.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 405(A) and (B), 1016(A), and 1025.4(A)(2); adds Ch.C. Arts. 116(4.1), 643(C), 1004(D)(6), 1015(10), and 1023(C))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Added language relative to unidentified parents and termination of parental rights, right to counsel and service, and prehearing and scheduling conferences.