



CHAPTER 7B
ARTICLE 11 - TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

N.C.G.S. § 7B-1103.

Who may file a petition or motion.

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- § 7B-1103(a) A petition or motion to terminate the parental rights of either or both parents to his, her, or their minor juvenile may only be filed by one or more of the following:
- (1) Either parent seeking termination of the right of the other parent.
 - (2) Any person who has been judicially appointed as the guardian of the person of the juvenile.
 - (3) Any county department of social services, consolidated county human services agency, or licensed child-placing agency to whom custody of the juvenile has been given by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - (4) Any county department of social services, consolidated county human services agency, or licensed child-placing agency to which the juvenile has been surrendered for adoption by one of the parents or by the guardian of the person of the juvenile, pursuant to G.S. 48-3-701.
 - (5) Any person with whom the juvenile has resided for a continuous period of 18 months or more next preceding the filing of the petition or motion.
 - (6) Any guardian ad litem appointed to represent the minor juvenile pursuant to G.S. 7B-601 who has not been relieved of this responsibility.
 - (7) Any person who has filed a petition for adoption pursuant to Chapter 48 of the General Statutes.
 - (8) A grandparent of the juvenile if all known parents are deceased and the motion is to terminate the parental rights of an unknown parent.

§ 7B-1103(b) Any person or agency that may file a petition under subsection (a) of this section may intervene in a pending abuse, neglect, or dependency proceeding for the purpose of filing a motion to terminate parental rights.

§ 7B-1103(c) (See Editor's note) No person whose actions resulted in a conviction under G.S. 14-27.21, 14-27.22, 14-27.23, or 14-27.24 and the conception of the juvenile may file a petition to terminate the parental rights of another with respect to that juvenile.

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APPARATUS I
14 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1977	c. 879, s. 8	ENACTED
02	1983	c. 870, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1985	c. 758, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1987	c. 371, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1987	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 690, s. 4	AMENDED
06	1998	S.L. 1998-202, s. 6	AMENDED
07	1998	S.L. 1998-229, s. 9.1	AMENDED
08	1999	S.L. 1999-456, s. 60	AMENDED
09	2000	S.L. 2000-183, s. 4	AMENDED
10	2004	S.L. 2004-128, s. 13	AMENDED
11	2015	S.L. 2015-181, s. 23	AMENDED
12	2015	S.L. 2015-264, s. 33(b)	AMENDED
13	2021	S.L. 2021-132, s. 1(l)	AMENDED
14	2024	S.L. 2024-33, s. 25(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 48-3	(a)(4)	"person of the juvenile, pursuant to"
G.S. 7B-601	(a)(6)	"represent the minor juvenile pursuant to"
G.S. 14-27.21	(c)	"actions resulted in a conviction under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1103 (2024).

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