

**§ 48-2-302. Time for filing petition.**

(a) Except for petitions filed pursuant to Articles 4 and 6 of this Chapter, a petition for adoption must be filed no later than 30 days after a minor is placed with the petitioner or this State acquires jurisdiction to hear the petition, whichever is later, unless the court extends the time for filing.

(b) If a petition is not filed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, any person may notify the county department of social services for appropriate action.

(c) A petition for adoption may be filed concurrently with a petition to terminate parental rights. (1949, c. 300; 1957, c. 90; c. 778, s. 3; 1971, c. 1185, s. 17; 1975, c. 321, s. 1; 1977, c. 879, s. 2; 1979, c. 107, s. 7; 1985, c. 758, ss. 5-9; 1987, c. 371, s. 1; 1995, c. 457, s. 2.)