

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1406 Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY RYBAK, SIEMINSKI, KOWALYSHYN, GRUPPO, HAYES,
ZWIKL AND WAMBACH, MAY 11, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 11, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for service by certified
3 mail.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 2513 of Title 23, act
7 of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, added October 15, 1980
9 (P.L.934, No.163), is amended to read:

10 § 2513. Hearing.

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12 (b) Notice.--At least ten days' notice shall be given to the
13 parent or parents, putative parent, or parent of a minor parent
14 whose rights are to be terminated, by [registered] certified
15 mail to his or their last known address or by such other means
16 as the court may require. A putative parent shall include one
17 who has filed a claim of paternity as provided in section 8303
18 (relating to claim of paternity) prior to the institution of

1 proceedings. The notice shall state the following:

2 "A petition has been filed asking the court to put an end
3 to all rights you have to your child (insert name of child).
4 The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to
5 your child. That hearing will be held in (insert place,
6 giving reference to exact room and building number or
7 designation) on (insert date) at (insert time). If you do not
8 appear at this hearing, the court may decide that you are not
9 interested in retaining your rights to your child and your
10 failure to appear may affect the court's decision on whether
11 to end your rights to your child. You are warned that even if
12 you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will
13 go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended
14 by the court without your being present. You have a right to
15 be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take
16 this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a
17 lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office
18 set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

19 (Name).....

20 (Address).....

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22 (Telephone number)....."

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.