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Except for a child being placed for adoption with a relative of the child, by blood or marriage within 4 degrees of affinity or consanguinity under the civil law rule, a parent or grandparent may place a child for adoption only if:

- (1) a petition for adoption is filed in court; and
- (2) the court, by order, sanctions the placement pending final action on the petition.

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