

# SENATE BILL No. 539

June 29, 2011, Introduced by Senator SCHUITMAKER and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled  
"Estates and protected individuals code,"  
by amending sections 5313 and 5433 (MCL 700.5313 and 700.5433),  
section 5313 as amended by 2000 PA 463, and by adding sections  
5202a and 5301a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 5202A. (1) IF A GUARDIAN HAS NOT BEEN APPOINTED IN THIS  
2        STATE AND A PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN IS NOT  
3        PENDING IN THIS STATE, A GUARDIAN APPOINTED, QUALIFIED, AND SERVING  
4        IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION MAY BE APPOINTED  
5        IMMEDIATELY AS TEMPORARY GUARDIAN IN THIS STATE ON FILING WITH A  
6        COURT IN THIS STATE AN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT, AN  
7        AUTHENTICATED COPY OF THE GUARDIAN'S APPOINTMENT IN THE OTHER

1 JURISDICTION, AND AN ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT. LETTERS OF  
2 GUARDIANSHIP FOR THE TEMPORARY GUARDIAN EXPIRE 28 DAYS AFTER THE  
3 DATE OF APPOINTMENT.

4 (2) WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT AS TEMPORARY GUARDIAN  
5 UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE GUARDIAN SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO ALL  
6 INTERESTED PERSONS OF HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT AND THE RIGHT TO  
7 OBJECT TO THE APPOINTMENT. ON FILING PROOF OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE  
8 WITH THE COURT, THE TEMPORARY GUARDIAN SHALL BE APPOINTED FULL  
9 GUARDIAN AND THE COURT SHALL ISSUE LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP  
10 ACCORDINGLY.

11 (3) IF AN OBJECTION IS FILED TO A GUARDIANSHIP UNDER THIS  
12 SECTION, THE GUARDIANSHIP CONTINUES UNLESS A COURT IN THIS STATE  
13 ENTERS AN ORDER REMOVING THE GUARDIAN.

14 SEC. 5301A. (1) IF A GUARDIAN HAS NOT BEEN APPOINTED IN THIS  
15 STATE AND A PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN IS NOT  
16 PENDING IN THIS STATE, A GUARDIAN APPOINTED, QUALIFIED, AND SERVING  
17 IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION MAY BE APPOINTED  
18 IMMEDIATELY AS TEMPORARY GUARDIAN IN THIS STATE ON FILING WITH A  
19 COURT IN THIS STATE AN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT, AN  
20 AUTHENTICATED COPY OF THE GUARDIAN'S APPOINTMENT IN THE OTHER  
21 JURISDICTION, AND AN ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT. LETTERS OF  
22 GUARDIANSHIP FOR THE TEMPORARY GUARDIAN EXPIRE 28 DAYS AFTER THE  
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5 SECTION, THE GUARDIANSHIP CONTINUES UNLESS A COURT IN THIS STATE  
6 ENTERS AN ORDER REMOVING THE GUARDIAN.

7 Sec. 5313. (1) The court may appoint a competent person as  
8 guardian of a legally incapacitated individual. The court shall not  
9 appoint as a guardian an agency, public or private, that  
10 financially benefits from directly providing housing, medical,  
11 mental health, or social services to the legally incapacitated  
12 individual. If the court determines that the ward's property needs  
13 protection, the court shall order the guardian to furnish a bond or  
14 shall include restrictions in the letters of guardianship as  
15 necessary to protect the property.

16 ~~—— (2) In appointing a guardian under this section, the court~~  
17 ~~shall appoint a person, if suitable and willing to serve,~~  
18 ~~designated by the individual who is the subject of the petition,~~  
19 ~~including a designation made in a durable power of attorney. If a~~  
20 ~~specific designation is not made or a person designated is not~~  
21 ~~suitable or willing to serve, the court may appoint as a guardian a~~  
22 ~~person named as attorney in fact through a durable power of~~  
23 ~~attorney.~~

24 (2) ~~(3) If a person is not designated under subsection (2) or~~  
25 ~~a person designated under subsection (2) is not suitable or willing~~  
26 ~~to serve, the~~ **IN APPOINTING A GUARDIAN UNDER THIS SECTION, THE**  
27 court may appoint as a guardian an individual who is related to the

1 individual who is the subject of the petition in the following  
2 order of preference:

3 (A) A PERSON PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED, QUALIFIED, AND SERVING IN  
4 GOOD STANDING AS GUARDIAN FOR THE LEGALLY INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL  
5 IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION.

6 (B) A PERSON THE LEGALLY INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED TO  
7 SERVE AS GUARDIAN.

8 (C) A PERSON THE LEGALLY INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL NAMED AS  
9 ATTORNEY IN FACT IN A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY.

10 (D) ~~(a)~~—The legally incapacitated individual's spouse. This  
11 subdivision shall be considered to include a person nominated by  
12 will or other writing signed by a deceased spouse.

13 (E) ~~(b)~~—An adult child of the legally incapacitated  
14 individual.

15 (F) ~~(c)~~—A parent of the legally incapacitated individual. This  
16 subdivision shall be considered to include a person nominated by  
17 will or other writing signed by a deceased parent.

18 (G) ~~(d)~~—A relative of the legally incapacitated individual  
19 with whom the individual has resided for more than 6 months before  
20 the filing of the petition.

21 (H) ~~(e)~~—A person nominated by a person who is caring for the  
22 legally incapacitated individual or paying benefits to the legally  
23 incapacitated individual.

24 (3) ~~(4)~~—If none of the persons as designated or listed in  
25 subsection (2) ~~or (3)~~ is suitable or willing to serve, the court  
26 may appoint any competent person who is suitable and willing to  
27 serve, including a professional guardian as provided in section

1 5106.

2 Sec. 5433. (1) If a conservator has not been appointed in this  
3 state and a petition in a protective proceeding is not pending in  
4 this state, a conservator appointed, ~~in the state in which the~~  
5 ~~protected individual resides may file in a court of this state, in~~  
6 ~~a county in which property belonging to the protected individual is~~  
7 ~~located,~~ **QUALIFIED, AND SERVING IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER**  
8 **JURISDICTION MAY BE APPOINTED IMMEDIATELY AS TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR**  
9 **IN THIS STATE ON FILING WITH A COURT IN THIS STATE AN APPLICATION**  
10 **FOR APPOINTMENT,** an authenticated copy of letters of appointment  
11 ~~and of any bond. After the filing, the domiciliary foreign~~  
12 ~~conservator may exercise as to property in this state all the~~  
13 ~~powers of a conservator appointed in this state and may maintain an~~  
14 ~~action or proceeding in this state subject to any conditions~~  
15 ~~imposed upon nonresident parties generally.~~ **IN THE OTHER**  
16 **JURISDICTION, AND AN ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT. LETTERS OF**  
17 **CONSERVATORSHIP FOR THE TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR EXPIRE 28 DAYS AFTER**  
18 **THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT.**

19 (2) **WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT AS TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR**  
20 **UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE CONSERVATOR SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO ALL**  
21 **INTERESTED PERSONS OF HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT AND THE RIGHT TO**  
22 **OBJECT TO THE APPOINTMENT. ON FILING PROOF OF SERVICE OF THE NOTICE**  
23 **WITH THE COURT, THE TEMPORARY CONSERVATOR SHALL BE APPOINTED FULL**  
24 **CONSERVATOR AND THE COURT SHALL ISSUE LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP**  
25 **ACCORDINGLY.**

26 (3) **IF AN OBJECTION IS FILED TO A CONSERVATORSHIP UNDER THIS**  
27 **SECTION, THE CONSERVATORSHIP CONTINUES UNLESS A COURT IN THIS STATE**

1 ENTERS AN ORDER REMOVING THE CONSERVATOR.