SENATE BILL No. 713

December 6, 2017, Introduced by Senators MARLEAU, KNOLLENBERG, KOWALL, JONES, BOOHER, EMMONS, COLBECK, ROCCA, CASPERSON, O'BRIEN, HUNE, GREEN, ROBERTSON, STAMAS, BRANDENBURG, BIEDA, GREGORY, HERTEL, MACGREGOR, NOFS, HANSEN, HORN, HILDENBRAND and SCHMIDT and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled

"Estates and protected individuals code,"
by amending sections 5101, 5305, 5306, 5306a, 5310, and 5507 (MCL 700.5101, 700.5305, 700.5306, 700.5306a, 700.5310, and 700.5507),
sections 5101 and 5310 as amended by 2000 PA 54, section 5305 as amended by 2013 PA 157, section 5306 as amended by 2004 PA 532,
section 5306a as added by 2012 PA 173, and section 5507 as amended by 2008 PA 41, and by adding part 6 to article V.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 5101. As used in parts 1 to 4 of this article:

(a) "Best interests of the minor" means the sum total of the following factors to be considered, evaluated, and determined by the court:

- 1 (i) The love, affection, and other emotional ties existing
- 2 between the parties involved and the child.
- 3 (ii) The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to
- 4 give the child love, affection, and guidance and to continue
- 5 educating and raising the child in the child's religion or creed,
- 6 if any.
- 7 (iii) The capacity and disposition of the parties involved to
- 8 provide the child with food, clothing, medical care or other
- 9 remedial care recognized and permitted under the laws of this state
- in place of medical care, and other material needs.
- 11 (iv) The length of time the child has lived in a stable,
- 12 satisfactory environment, and the desirability of maintaining
- 13 continuity.
- 14 (v) The permanence, as a family unit, of the existing or
- proposed custodial home.
- 16 (vi) The moral fitness of the parties involved.
- 17 (vii) The mental and physical health of the parties involved.
- 18 (viii) The child's home, school, and community record.
- 19 (ix) The child's reasonable preference, if the court considers
- 20 the child to be of sufficient age to express a preference.
- 21 (x) The party's willingness and ability to facilitate and
- 22 encourage a close and continuing parent-child relationship between
- 23 the child and his or her parent or parents.
- 24 (xi) Domestic violence regardless of whether the violence is
- 25 directed against or witnessed by the child.
- 26 (xii) Any other factor considered by the court to be relevant
- 27 to a particular dispute regarding termination of a guardianship,

- 1 removal of a guardian, or parenting time.
- 2 (b) "Claim" includes, in respect to a protected individual, a
- 3 liability of the protected individual, whether arising in contract,
- 4 tort, or otherwise, and a liability of the estate that arises at or
- 5 after the appointment of a conservator, including expenses of
- 6 administration.
- 7 (c) "Conservator" includes, but is not limited to, a limited
- 8 conservator described in section 5419(1).
- 9 (D) "ISOLATED ADULT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OF
- 10 AGE OR OLDER, INCLUDING A WARD, AND WHO HAS BEEN DENIED VISITATION
- 11 WITH A QUALIFIED PERSON BY ANOTHER PERSON.
- 12 (E) "QUALIFIED PERSON" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 13 (i) THE SPOUSE, CHILD, GRANDCHILD, PARENT, OR SIBLING OF AN
- 14 ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT.
- 15 (ii) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A SIGNIFICANT AND ONGOING
- 16 RELATIONSHIP WITH AN ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT.
- 17 (iii) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT NAMED IN
- 18 HIS OR HER PATIENT ADVOCATE DESIGNATION WITH WHOM THE ALLEGEDLY
- 19 ISOLATED ADULT WOULD LIKE TO VISIT.
- 20 (F) (d)—"Visitor" means an individual appointed in a
- 21 guardianship or protective proceeding who is trained in law,
- 22 nursing, or social work, is an officer, employee, or special
- 23 appointee of the court, and has no personal interest in the
- 24 proceeding.
- 25 Sec. 5305. (1) The duties of a guardian ad litem appointed for
- 26 an individual alleged to be incapacitated include all of the
- 27 following:

- 1 (a) Personally visiting the individual.
- 2 (b) Explaining to the individual the nature, purpose, and
- 3 legal effects of a guardian's appointment.
- 4 (c) Explaining to the individual the hearing procedure and the
- 5 individual's rights in the hearing procedure, including, but not
- 6 limited to, all of the following:
- 7 (i) The right to contest the petition.
- 8 (ii) The right to request limits on the guardian's powers,
- 9 including a limitation on the guardian's power to execute a do-not-
- 10 resuscitate order on behalf of the ward.
- 11 (iii) The right to object to a particular person being
- 12 appointed guardian.
- 13 (iv) The right to be present at the hearing.
- 14 (v) The right to be represented by legal counsel.
- 15 (vi) The right to have legal counsel appointed for the
- 16 individual if he or she is unable to afford legal counsel.
- 17 (d) Informing the individual that if a guardian is appointed,
- 18 the quardian may have the power to execute a do-not-resuscitate
- 19 order on behalf of the individual and, if meaningful communication
- 20 is possible, discern if DISCERNING WHETHER the individual objects
- 21 to having a do-not-resuscitate order executed on his or her behalf.
- (e) Informing the individual of the name of each person known
- 23 to be seeking appointment as guardian.
- 24 (f) Asking the individual and the petitioner about the amount
- 25 of cash and property readily convertible into cash that is in the
- 26 individual's estate.
- 27 (g) Making determinations, and informing the court of those

- 1 determinations, on all of the following:
- 2 (i) Whether there are 1 or more appropriate alternatives to
- 3 the appointment of a full guardian or whether 1 or more actions
- 4 should be taken in addition to the appointment of a guardian.
- 5 Before informing the court of his or her determination under this
- 6 subparagraph, the guardian ad litem shall consider the
- 7 appropriateness of at least each of the following as alternatives
- 8 or additional actions:
- 9 (A) Appointment of a limited guardian, including the specific
- 10 powers and limitation LIMITATIONS on those powers THAT the guardian
- 11 ad litem believes TO BE appropriate.
- 12 (B) Appointment of a conservator or another protective order
- 13 under part 4 of this article. In the report informing the court of
- 14 the determinations under this subdivision, the guardian ad litem
- 15 shall include an estimate of the amount of cash and property
- 16 readily convertible into cash that is in the individual's estate.
- 17 (C) Execution of a patient advocate designation, do-not-
- 18 resuscitate order, or durable power of attorney with or without
- 19 limitations on purpose, authority, or duration.
- 20 (ii) Whether a disagreement or dispute related to the
- 21 guardianship petition might be resolved through court ordered
- 22 mediation.
- 23 (iii) Whether the individual wishes to be present at the
- 24 hearing.
- 25 (iv) Whether the individual wishes to contest the petition.
- 26 (v) Whether the individual wishes limits placed on the
- 27 guardian's powers.

- 1 (vi) Whether the individual objects to having a do-not-
- 2 resuscitate order executed on his or her behalf.
- 3 (vii) Whether the individual objects to a particular person
- 4 being appointed guardian.
- 5 (viii) WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO COMMUNICATE AND
- 6 VISIT, AND IF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN A PATIENT
- 7 ADVOCATE DESIGNATION WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
- 8 AND COMMUNICATE, THE IDENTITY OF THAT INDIVIDUAL.
- 9 (ix) WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO VISIT OR
- 10 COMMUNICATE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (viii).
- 11 (2) The court shall not order compensation of the guardian ad
- 12 litem unless the quardian ad litem states on the record or in the
- 13 guardian ad litem's written report that he or she has complied with
- 14 subsection (1).
- 15 (3) If the individual alleged to be incapacitated wishes to
- 16 contest the petition, to have limits placed on the guardian's
- 17 powers, or to object to a particular person being appointed
- 18 guardian and if legal counsel has not been secured, the court shall
- 19 appoint legal counsel to represent the individual alleged to be
- 20 incapacitated. If the individual alleged to be incapacitated is
- 21 indigent, the state shall bear the expense of legal counsel.
- 22 (4) If the individual alleged to be incapacitated requests
- 23 legal counsel or the guardian ad litem determines it is in the
- 24 individual's best interest to have legal counsel, and if legal
- 25 counsel has not been secured, the court shall appoint legal
- 26 counsel. If the individual alleged to be incapacitated is indigent,
- 27 the state shall bear the expense of legal counsel.

- 1 (5) If the individual alleged to be incapacitated has legal 2 counsel appointed under subsection (3) or (4), the appointment of a 3 quardian ad litem terminates.
- 4 Sec. 5306. (1) The court may appoint a guardian if the court
- 5 finds by clear and convincing evidence both that the individual for
- 6 whom a guardian is sought is an incapacitated individual and that
- 7 the appointment is necessary as a means of providing continuing
- 8 care and supervision of the incapacitated individual, with each
- 9 finding supported separately on the record. Alternately, the court
- 10 may dismiss the proceeding or enter another appropriate order.
- 11 (2) The court shall grant a guardian only those powers and
- 12 only for that period of time as is necessary to provide for the
- 13 demonstrated need of the incapacitated individual. The court shall
- 14 design the guardianship to encourage the development of maximum
- 15 self-reliance and independence in the individual AND TO CONTINUE
- 16 THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH QUALIFIED PERSONS. If the court is
- 17 aware that an individual has executed a patient advocate
- 18 designation under section 5506, the court shall not grant a
- 19 guardian any of the same powers that are held by the patient
- 20 advocate. A court order establishing a guardianship shall MUST
- 21 specify any limitations on the guardian's powers and any time
- 22 limits on the guardianship.
- 23 (3) If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that
- 24 an individual is incapacitated and lacks the capacity to do some,
- 25 but not all, of the tasks necessary to care for himself or herself,
- 26 the court may appoint a limited guardian to provide guardianship
- 27 services to the individual, but the court shall not appoint a full

- 1 guardian.
- 2 (4) If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that
- 3 the individual is incapacitated and is totally without capacity to
- 4 care for himself or herself, the court shall specify that finding
- 5 of fact in an order and may appoint a full guardian.
- 6 (5) If an individual executed a patient advocate designation
- 7 under section 5506 before the time the court determines that he or
- 8 she became a legally incapacitated individual, a guardian does not
- 9 have and shall not exercise the power or duty of making medical or
- 10 mental health treatment decisions that the patient advocate is
- 11 designated to make. If, however, a petition for guardianship or for
- 12 modification under section 5310 alleges and the court finds that
- 13 the patient advocate designation was not executed in compliance
- 14 with section 5506, that the patient advocate is not complying with
- 15 the terms of the designation or with the applicable provisions of
- 16 sections 5506 to 5515, or that the patient advocate is not acting
- 17 consistent with the ward's best interests, the court may modify the
- 18 guardianship's terms to grant those powers to the guardian.
- 19 Sec. 5306a. (1) An individual for whom a guardian is sought or
- 20 has been appointed under section 5306 has all of the following
- 21 rights:
- 22 (a) To object to the appointment of a successor guardian by
- 23 will or other writing, as provided in section 5301.
- 24 (b) To have the guardianship proceeding commenced and
- 25 conducted in the place where the individual resides or is present
- 26 or, if the individual is admitted to an institution by a court, in
- 27 the county in which the court is located, as provided in section

- **1** 5302.
- 2 (c) To petition on his or her own behalf for the appointment
- 3 of a quardian, as provided in section 5303.
- 4 (d) To have legal counsel of his or her own choice represent
- 5 him or her on the petition to appoint a guardian, as provided in
- 6 sections 5303, 5304, and 5305.
- 7 (e) If he or she is not represented by legal counsel, to the
- 8 appointment of a guardian ad litem to represent the individual on
- 9 the petition to appoint a guardian, as provided in section 5303.
- 10 (f) To an independent evaluation of his or her capacity by a
- 11 physician or mental health professional, at public expense if he or
- 12 she is indigent, as provided in section 5304.
- 13 (g) To be present at the hearing on the petition to appoint a
- 14 guardian and to have all practical steps taken to ensure this,
- 15 including, if necessary, moving the hearing site, as provided by
- 16 section 5304.
- 17 (h) To see or hear all the evidence presented in the hearing
- 18 on the petition to appoint a guardian, as provided in section 5304.
- 19 (i) To present evidence and cross-examine witnesses in the
- 20 hearing on the petition to appoint a guardian, as provided in
- 21 section 5304.
- (j) To a trial by jury on the petition to appoint a guardian,
- as provided in section 5304.
- 24 (k) To a closed hearing on the petition to appoint a guardian,
- 25 as provided in section 5304.
- 26 (l) If a guardian ad litem is appointed, to be personally
- 27 visited by the guardian ad litem, as provided in section 5305.

- 1 (m) If a guardian ad litem is appointed, to an explanation by
- 2 the guardian ad litem of the nature, purpose, and legal effects of
- 3 a guardian's appointment, as provided in section 5305.
- 4 (n) If a guardian ad litem is appointed, to an explanation by
- 5 the guardian ad litem of the individual's rights in the hearing
- 6 procedure, as provided in section 5305.
- 7 (o) If a guardian ad litem is appointed, to be informed by the
- 8 guardian ad litem of the right to contest the petition, to request
- 9 limits on the guardian's powers, to object to a particular person
- 10 being appointed guardian, to be present at the hearing, to be
- 11 represented by legal counsel, and to have legal counsel appointed
- 12 if the individual is unable to afford legal counsel, as provided in
- **13** section 5305.
- 14 (p) To be informed of the name of each person known to be
- 15 seeking appointment as guardian, including, if a guardian ad litem
- 16 is appointed, to be informed of the names by the guardian ad litem
- 17 as provided in section 5305.
- (q) To require that proof of incapacity and the need for a
- 19 guardian be proven by clear and convincing evidence, as provided in
- 20 section 5306.
- 21 (r) To the limitation of the powers and period of time of a
- 22 quardianship to only the amount and time that is necessary, as
- 23 provided in section 5306.
- 24 (s) To a guardianship designed to encourage the development of
- 25 maximum self-reliance and independence as provided in section 5306.
- (t) To prevent the grant of powers to a guardian if those
- 27 powers are already held by a valid patient advocate, as provided in

- 1 section 5306.
- 2 (u) To periodic review of the guardianship by the court,
- 3 including the right to a hearing and the appointment of an attorney
- 4 if issues arise upon the review of the guardianship, as provided in
- **5** section 5309.
- 6 (v) To, at any time, seek modification or termination of the
- 7 guardianship by informal letter to the judge, as provided in
- 8 section 5310.
- 9 (w) To a hearing within 28 days of requesting a review,
- 10 modification, or termination of the guardianship, as provided in
- **11** section 5310.
- 12 (x) To the same rights on a petition for modification or
- 13 termination of the guardianship including the appointment of a
- 14 visitor as apply to a petition for appointment of a guardian, as
- 15 provided in section 5310.
- 16 (y) To personal notice of a petition for appointment or
- 17 removal of a quardian, as provided in section 5311.
- 18 (z) To written notice of the nature, purpose, and legal
- 19 effects of the appointment of a guardian, as provided in section
- **20** 5311.
- 21 (aa) To choose the person who will serve as guardian, if the
- 22 chosen person is suitable and willing to serve, as provided in
- 23 section 5313.
- 24 (bb) To consult with the quardian about major decisions
- 25 affecting the individual, if meaningful conversation is possible,
- 26 as provided in section 5314.
- 27 (cc) To quarterly visits by the guardian, as provided in

- **1** section 5314.
- 2 (dd) To have the guardian notify the court within 14 days of a
- 3 change in the individual's residence, as provided in section 5314.
- 4 (ee) To have the guardian secure services to restore the
- 5 individual to the best possible state of mental and physical well-
- 6 being so that the individual can return to self-management at the
- 7 earliest possible time, as provided in section 5314.
- 8 (ff) To have the guardian take reasonable care of the
- 9 individual's clothing, furniture, vehicles, and other personal
- 10 effects, as provided in section 5314.
- 11 (GG) IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO EXPRESS HIS OR HER
- 12 PREFERENCE, TO VISIT AND COMMUNICATE WITH INDIVIDUALS OF HIS OR HER
- 13 CHOICE. IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNABLE TO EXPRESS HIS OR HER
- 14 PREFERENCES, AND IF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IN A
- 15 PATIENT ADVOCATE DESIGNATION WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD LIKE TO
- 16 VISIT AND COMMUNICATE, THE INDIVIDUAL HAS THE RIGHT TO VISIT AND
- 17 COMMUNICATE WITH THAT OTHER INDIVIDUAL.
- 18 (2) A guardian ad litem shall inform the ward in writing of
- 19 his or her rights enumerated in this section. The state court
- 20 administrative office and the office of services to the aging AND
- 21 ADULT SERVICES AGENCY created in section 5 of the older
- 22 Michiganians act, 1981 PA 180, MCL 400.585, shall promulgate a form
- 23 to be used to give the written notice under this section, which
- 24 shall MUST include space for the court to include information on
- 25 how to contact the court or other relevant personnel with respect
- 26 to the rights enumerated in this section.
- Sec. 5310. (1) On petition of the guardian and subject to the

- 1 filing and approval of a report prepared as required by section
- 2 5314, the court shall accept the guardian's resignation and make
- 3 any other order that is appropriate.
- 4 (2) The ward or a person interested in the ward's welfare may
- 5 petition THE COURT for an order removing the guardian, appointing a
- 6 successor guardian, modifying the guardianship's terms, or
- 7 terminating the guardianship. A request for this order may be made
- 8 by informal letter to the court or judge. A person who knowingly
- 9 interferes with the transmission of this kind of request to the
- 10 court or judge is subject to a finding of contempt of court.
- 11 (3) Except as otherwise provided in the order finding
- 12 incapacity, upon ON receiving a petition or request under this
- 13 section, the court shall set a date for a hearing to be held within
- 14 28 days after the receipt of the petition or request. An order
- 15 finding incapacity may specify a minimum period, not exceeding 182
- 16 days, during which a petition or request for a finding that a ward
- 17 is no longer an incapacitated individual, or for an order removing
- 18 the guardian, modifying the guardianship's terms, or terminating
- 19 the guardianship, shall MUST not be filed without special leave of
- 20 the court.
- 21 (4) Before removing a guardian, appointing a successor
- 22 guardian, modifying the guardianship's terms, or terminating a
- 23 guardianship, and following the same procedures to safeguard the
- 24 ward's rights as apply to a petition for a guardian's appointment,
- 25 the court may send a visitor to the present guardian's residence
- 26 and to the place where the ward resides or is detained to observe
- 27 conditions and report in writing to the court.

- 1 (5) A QUALIFIED PERSON MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR A FINDING
- 2 THAT THE WARD IS AN ISOLATED ADULT AND FOR AN ORDER OF VISITATION
- 3 WITH THE WARD UNDER SECTION 5603. A QUALIFIED PERSON MAY ALSO
- 4 PETITION THE COURT FOR AN ORDER THAT REQUIRES THE GUARDIAN TO
- 5 NOTIFY THE QUALIFIED PERSON IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER EITHER
- 6 OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:
- 7 (A) A CHANGE OF THE WARD'S RESIDENCE.
- 8 (B) THE WARD'S ADMISSION TO A HOSPITAL OR SKILLED NURSING
- 9 FACILITY. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "SKILLED NURSING FACILITY"
- 10 MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20109 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
- 11 CODE, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20109.
- Sec. 5507. (1) A patient advocate designation may include a
- 13 statement of the patient's desires on care, custody, COMMUNICATION
- 14 AND VISITATION WITH OTHERS, and medical treatment or mental health
- 15 treatment, or both. A patient advocate designation may also include
- 16 a statement of the patient's desires on the making of an anatomical
- 17 gift of all or part of the patient's body under part 101 of the
- 18 public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10123. The
- 19 statement regarding an anatomical gift under this subsection may
- 20 include a statement of the patient's desires regarding the
- 21 resolution of a conflict between the terms of the advance health
- 22 care directive and the administration of means necessary to ensure
- 23 the medical suitability of the anatomical gift. The patient may
- 24 authorize the patient advocate to exercise 1 or more powers
- 25 concerning the patient's care, custody, medical treatment, OR
- 26 mental health treatment, the making of an anatomical gift, or the
- 27 resolution of a conflict between the terms of the advance health

- 1 care directive and the administration of means necessary to ensure
- 2 the medical suitability of the anatomical gift that the patient
- 3 could have exercised on his or her own behalf.
- 4 (2) A patient may designate in the patient advocate
- 5 designation a successor individual as a patient advocate who may
- 6 exercise the powers described in subsection (1) for the patient if
- 7 the first individual named as patient advocate does not accept, is
- 8 incapacitated, resigns, or is removed.
- 9 (3) Before a patient advocate designation is implemented, a
- 10 copy of the patient advocate designation must be given to the
- 11 proposed patient advocate and must be given to a successor patient
- 12 advocate before the successor acts as patient advocate. Before
- 13 acting as a patient advocate, the proposed patient advocate must
- 14 sign an acceptance of the patient advocate designation.
- 15 (4) The acceptance of a designation as a patient advocate must
- 16 include substantially all of the following statements:
- 1. This patient advocate designation is not effective unless
- 18 the patient is unable to participate in decisions regarding the
- 19 patient's medical or mental health, as applicable. If this patient
- 20 advocate designation includes the authority to make an anatomical
- 21 gift as described in section 5506, the authority remains
- 22 exercisable after the patient's death.
- 2. A patient advocate shall not exercise powers concerning the
- 24 patient's care, custody, and medical or mental health treatment
- 25 that the patient, if the patient were able to participate in the
- 26 decision, could not have exercised on his or her own behalf.
- 27 3. This patient advocate designation cannot be used to make a

- 1 medical treatment decision to withhold or withdraw treatment from a
- 2 patient who is pregnant that would result in the pregnant patient's
- 3 death.
- 4. A patient advocate may make a decision to withhold or
- 5 withdraw treatment that would allow a patient to die only if the
- 6 patient has expressed in a clear and convincing manner that the
- 7 patient advocate is authorized to make such a decision, and that
- 8 the patient acknowledges that such a decision could or would allow
- 9 the patient's death.
- 10 5. A patient advocate shall not receive compensation for the
- 11 performance of his or her authority, rights, and responsibilities,
- 12 but a patient advocate may be reimbursed for actual and necessary
- 13 expenses incurred in the performance of his or her authority,
- 14 rights, and responsibilities.
- 15 6. A patient advocate shall act in accordance with the
- 16 standards of care applicable to fiduciaries when acting for the
- 17 patient and shall act consistent with the patient's best interests.
- 18 The known desires of the patient expressed or evidenced while the
- 19 patient is able to participate in medical or mental health
- 20 treatment decisions are presumed to be in the patient's best
- 21 interests.
- 7. A patient may revoke his or her patient advocate
- 23 designation at any time and in any manner sufficient to communicate
- 24 an intent to revoke.
- 25 8. A patient may waive his or her right to revoke the patient
- 26 advocate designation as to the power to make mental health
- 27 treatment decisions, and if such a waiver is made, his or her

- 1 ability to revoke as to certain treatment will be delayed for 30
- 2 days after the patient communicates his or her intent to revoke.
- 9. A patient advocate may revoke his or her acceptance of the
- 4 patient advocate designation at any time and in any manner
- 5 sufficient to communicate an intent to revoke.
- 6 10. A patient admitted to a health facility or agency has the
- 7 rights enumerated in section 20201 of the public health code, 1978
- **8** PA 368, MCL 333.20201.
- 9 PART 6
- 10 ISOLATED ADULTS
- 11 SEC. 5601. THE VENUE FOR A VISITATION PROCEEDING UNDER SECTION
- 12 5603 IS IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT RESIDES OR
- 13 IS PRESENT.
- 14 SEC. 5603. (1) A QUALIFIED PERSON MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR A
- 15 FINDING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE IS BEING
- 16 ISOLATED FROM A QUALIFIED PERSON BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.
- 17 (2) A PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE
- 18 FOLLOWING:
- 19 (A) THE PETITIONER'S INTEREST AS A QUALIFIED PERSON.
- 20 (B) THE RESIDENCE OF THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT OR WHERE HE
- 21 OR SHE IS PRESENT.
- 22 (C) A STATEMENT OF FACTS AS TO WHY THE PETITIONER'S VISITATION
- 23 WITH THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT IS BEING INTERFERED WITH OR
- 24 DENIED.
- 25 (D) THE IDENTITY OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE INTERFERING WITH
- 26 OR DENYING VISITATION BETWEEN THE PETITIONER AND THE ALLEGEDLY
- 27 ISOLATED ADULT UNDER SUBDIVISION (C).

- 1 (3) IN A PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SECTION, NOTICE OF HEARING MUST
- 2 BE GIVEN TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 3 (A) THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT.
- 4 (B) THE RESPONDENT.
- 5 (4) NOTICE MUST BE SERVED PERSONALLY ON THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED
- 6 ADULT. NOTICE TO ALL OTHER PERSONS MUST BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY
- 7 COURT RULE.
- 8 (5) A COPY OF THE PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE ATTACHED
- 9 TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING.
- 10 (6) ON THE FILING OF A PETITION UNDER SUBSECTION (1), THE
- 11 COURT SHALL SET A DATE FOR HEARING ON THE ISSUE OF ISOLATION.
- 12 (7) IT IS PRESUMED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF AN
- 13 ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT TO VISIT WITH A QUALIFIED PERSON. THE
- 14 RESPONDENT MAY REBUT THE PRESUMPTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WITH
- 15 CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 16 (A) THAT THE PETITIONER COMMITTED MENTAL, PHYSICAL, OR
- 17 FINANCIAL ABUSE AGAINST THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT.
- 18 (B) THAT VISITATION BETWEEN THE PETITIONER AND THE ALLEGEDLY
- 19 ISOLATED ADULT WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT'S
- 20 HEALTH OR MENTAL WELL-BEING.
- 21 (8) IF AN ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A
- 22 PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION OBJECTS TO VISITATION WITH THE
- 23 PETITIONER, THE PETITIONER MUST DEMONSTRATE BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING
- 24 EVIDENCE THAT THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT'S OBJECTION RESULTED
- 25 FROM THE RESPONDENT'S UNDUE INFLUENCE OVER THE ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED
- 26 ADULT. IF THE PETITIONER DEMONSTRATES CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE
- 27 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COURT SHALL GRANT THE PETITIONER

- 1 REASONABLE VISITATION AND NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RESIDENCY AS PROVIDED
- 2 IN SUBSECTION (9).
- 3 (9) IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE PETITIONER IS A QUALIFIED
- 4 PERSON, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TO A PETITION UNDER THIS
- 5 SECTION IS AN ISOLATED ADULT, AND THAT VISITATION BETWEEN THE
- 6 ISOLATED ADULT AND THE PETITIONER IS BEING DENIED, THE COURT MAY
- 7 ENTER AN ORDER THAT DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 8 (A) ESTABLISHES REASONABLE TIMES FOR THE PETITIONER TO VISIT
- 9 THE ISOLATED ADULT.
- 10 (B) REQUIRES THE RESPONDENT TO NOTIFY THE PETITIONER WITHIN 14
- 11 DAYS AFTER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 12 (i) A CHANGE IN THE ISOLATED ADULT'S RESIDENCE.
- 13 (ii) THE ISOLATED ADULT'S ADMISSION TO A HOSPITAL OR SKILLED
- 14 NURSING FACILITY. AS USED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, "SKILLED NURSING
- 15 FACILITY" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 20109 OF THE PUBLIC
- 16 HEALTH CODE, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20109.
- 17 (10) IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT A PETITIONER FILED A
- 18 PETITION UNDER THIS SECTION IN BAD FAITH, THE COURT MAY ASSESS
- 19 REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED BY THE RESPONDENT AND ANY
- 20 GUARDIAN AD LITEM COST AGAINST THE PETITIONER.
- 21 (11) IF THE COURT GRANTS THE PETITIONER'S PETITION, THE COURT
- 22 MAY ASSESS AGAINST THE RESPONDENT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 23 (A) THE COST OF FILING AND SERVING THE PETITION.
- 24 (B) ANY COST FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM.
- 25 (C) REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED BY THE PETITIONER.
- 26 (12) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "RESPONDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL
- 27 ALLEGED TO HAVE INTERFERED WITH OR DENIED VISITATION BETWEEN AN

1 ALLEGEDLY ISOLATED ADULT AND A PETITIONER UNDER THIS SECTION.