

HB 794 -- Guardianship of Minors

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This bill allows a court to appoint a standby guardian to temporarily assume the duties of guardian over a minor child. The appointment of a standby guardian becomes effective upon the disability, incapacitation, or death of an appointing parent or legal guardian. In order to become effective, the standby guardian must file within 30 days the court's confirmation and all the proper paperwork. Before the court confirms the appointee, the other parent or another person who has care and custody of the minor may file a written objection to the appointment of the standby guardian.

In the event a parent or guardian should die, the standby guardian may petition the court within 60 days to make a formal guardianship request. An appointing parent or another interested party is allowed to petition the court to confirm the parent's selection of a standby guardian and terminate the right of other individuals to object to the appointment of that individual as guardian.