

HB 1785 -- Guardians Ad Litem

Sponsor: Franz

This bill creates the Guardian Ad Litem Fund for the purpose of compensating court-appointed guardians ad litem. It will be funded from a surcharge ranging from \$25 to \$100 assessed to anyone bringing a probate proceeding under Chapters 473, 474, or 475, RSMo. For each domestic relations case filed, an additional surcharge not to exceed \$30 may be assessed by any circuit court that does not have a family court or a family court division. The bill also allows the court to order as a condition of probation a designated amount that the defendant must pay to the Missouri Public Defender System when there is a guilty plea or a finding of guilt and the defendant was represented by the Office of State Public Defender.