

SS SB 596 -- Guardianship of Minors

Sponsor: Days

This substitute allows a court to appoint a standby guardian to temporarily assume the duties of guardian over a minor child. The appointment only becomes effective upon the disability, incapacitation, or death of an appointing parent or legal guardian and the filing of an acceptance by the standby guardian within 30 days of the court's confirmation and all the proper paperwork of the appointment. 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 for formal guardianship within 60 days. 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.