

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2696

By: Seikel

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to guardianship and conservatorship; creating the Office of Public Guardian within the Office of the Attorney General; stating the duties and responsibilities of the Office; adding to the duties and responsibilities of the Attorney General; requiring certain implementation plan; providing for contents of the plan; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-102 of Title 30, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Office of Public Guardian within the Office of the Attorney General. The Office of Public Guardian shall be responsible for:

1. The oversight and monitoring of adult guardianship and conservatorship;

2. Providing for guardians, limited guardians or conservators for adults who require a guardian, limited guardian or conservator and who have a qualified relative or friend to serve in that capacity; and

3. Such other matters related to the guardianship or conservatorship of adults as it deems necessary and appropriate.

B. On or before January 1, 1999, the Attorney General shall submit to the Governor, the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives a plan for the implementation of the Office of Public Guardian. The plan shall include but not be limited to:

1. The programs and services to be provided by the Office of Public Guardian;

2. The administrative structure and operations of the Office of Public Guardian;

3. The budgetary and personnel requirements of the Office of Public Guardian; and

4. Other matters necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Public Guardian.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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