

CHAPTER 145.

[H. B. 225.]

GUARDIANSHIPS AND GUARDIANS' BONDS.

AN ACT relating to guardianships and guardians' bonds, and amending section 203, chapter 156, Laws of 1917, as amended (sec. 1573, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 206-17, PPC).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 203, chapter 156, Laws of 1917, as amended by chapter 41, Laws of 1945 (sec. 1573, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 206-17, PPC), is amended to read as follows:

Section 203. Before letters of guardianship are issued, each guardian shall take and subscribe an oath and file a bond, with sureties to be approved by the Court, payable to the State of Washington, in such sum as the Court may fix, and such bond shall be conditioned substantially as follows:

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bound A. B., who has been appointed guardian for C. D., shall faithfully discharge the office and trust of such guardian according to law and shall render a fair and just account of his guardianship to the Superior Court for the county of, from time to time as he shall thereto be required by such Court, and comply with all orders of the Court, lawfully made, relative to the goods, chattels, moneys, care, management and education of such minor, insane or mentally incompetent person, or his or her property, and render and pay to such minor, insane or mentally incompetent person all moneys, goods, chattels, title papers and effects which may come into the hands or possession of such guardian, at such time and in such manner as the Court may order or adjudge, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

Bond for
benefit
of ward.

The said bond shall be for the use of such minor, insane or mentally incompetent person, and shall not become void upon the first recovery, but may be put in suit from time to time against all or any one of the obligors, in the name and for the use and benefit of any person entitled by the breach thereof, until the whole penalty shall be recovered thereon. The Court may require an additional bond whenever for any reason it may appear to the Court that such additional bond should be given. In all cases where a bank or trust company authorized to act as guardian is appointed as guardian, or now or hereafter acts as guardian by reason of an appointment as such heretofore made, no bond shall be required.

Suits and
recoveries.

Additional
bond.

Bond not
required
from bank
or trust
company.

Court may
waive bond
requirement.

When it appears from the petition for letters of guardianship and from the evidence submitted at the hearing thereon that the value of the estate does not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), that the rights of the ward and creditors will not be jeopardized thereby, and that the guardian is a parent of, or a person standing in *loco parentis* to the ward, the Court may order that letters of guardianship be issued without bond.

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Passed the Senate March 6, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1947.