

Committee on Judiciary

CS/HB 131 — Curators of Estates

by Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee and Rep. Maggard and others (CS/SB 326 by Judiciary Committee and Senator Burgess)

The bill expands the role of curators in probate proceedings. A curator is a person appointed by the court for a limited time to protect the interests of a decedent's estate when a personal representative has not yet been appointed or must be replaced.

Specifically, the bill:

- Increases the number of situations when a court may appoint a curator and gives the court greater discretion regarding the giving of notice.
- Requires curators, except for banks and trust companies serving as curators, to post a reasonable bond unless waived by the court.
- Requires curators to file reports with the court detailing their actions taken in estate management, but only when the court deems it necessary.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 110-0