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AN ACT relating to public guardians; authorizing a public guardian to appoint deputies; providing for the compensation of such deputies; providing that an appointed public guardian serves at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 253 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A public guardian may appoint deputies to perform the duties of his office. A deputy so appointed may transact all official business relating to the office of the public guardian to the same extent as the public guardian, except that the deputy is not authorized to establish or change the policies of the office or to employ or terminate the employment of subordinates in the office. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, each deputy must take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office.

2. Each appointment must be in writing and recorded, with the oath of office of that deputy, in the office of the county recorder. Any revocation or resignation of an appointment must be recorded in the office of the county recorder.

3. The public guardian is responsible on his official bond for any official malfeasance or nonfeasance of his deputies and may require a bond for the faithful performance of the official duties of his deputies.

4. The compensation of a deputy public guardian must be fixed by the board of county commissioners and paid out of the county general fund.

Sec. 2. NRS 253.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

253.150 1. The board of county commissioners of any county may establish the office of public guardian.

2. The board of county commissioners may:

(a) Appoint ~~the~~ a public guardian , *who serves at the pleasure of the board*, for a term of 4 years from the day of appointment; or

(b) Designate an elected or appointed county officer as ex officio public guardian.

3. The compensation of a public guardian appointed or designated pursuant to subsection 2 must be fixed by the board of county commissioners and paid out of the county general fund.

Sec. 3. NRS 253.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

253.170 1. If ~~any~~ *a* vacancy occurs in the office of public guardian before the expiration of a normal term, the vacancy shall be filled promptly by the board of county commissioners.

2. The ~~district court~~ *board of county commissioners* may designate any qualified person to serve as acting public guardian until a vacancy in such office is filled.

Sec. 4. NRS 253.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:

253.180 Within the limits of appropriations for his office, a public guardian may:

1. Employ *such* subordinates , *including, without limitation, deputies appointed pursuant to section 1 of this act, as authorized by the board of county commissioners and as* necessary for the proper performance of his duties.

2. Contract for the services of consultants or assistants.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.