

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1016
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2017; March 6, 2017,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 26, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 26, 2017,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Hughes	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Creighton	X		
1-13	Estes	X		
1-14	Lucio	X		
1-15	Nelson	X		
1-16	Schwertner	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1016 By: Creighton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the appointment and duties of court investigators for
1-22 certain courts in guardianship proceedings.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 1002.009, Estates Code, is amended to
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 1002.009. COURT INVESTIGATOR. "Court investigator"
1-27 means a person appointed by the judge of a statutory probate court
1-28 under Section 25.0025, Government Code, or a judge under Section
1-29 1054.156.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 1054.152, Estates Code, is amended to
1-31 read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 1054.152. GENERAL DUTIES. A court investigator shall:

1-33 (1) supervise a court visitor program established
1-34 under Subchapter C if the court for which the investigator is
1-35 appointed operates that type of program and, in that capacity,
1-36 shall serve as the chief court visitor;

1-37 (2) investigate a complaint received from any person
1-38 about a guardianship and report to the judge, if necessary; and

1-39 (3) perform other duties as assigned by the judge or
1-40 required by this title.

1-41 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 1054, Estates Code, is
1-42 amended by adding Section 1054.156 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 1054.156. APPOINTMENT OF COURT INVESTIGATOR FOR
1-44 CERTAIN COURTS. (a) The judge of a court as defined by Section
1-45 1002.008(a)(1) or (2), other than a statutory probate court, may
1-46 appoint a court investigator if the appointment is authorized by
1-47 the commissioners court.

1-48 (b) The commissioners court may authorize additional court
1-49 investigators for a county if necessary.

1-50 (c) The commissioners court shall set the salary of a court
1-51 investigator.

1-52 (d) The appointment of a court investigator by the judge of
1-53 a statutory probate court is governed by Section 25.0025,
1-54 Government Code.

1-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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