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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AB 151

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Section 1. As set forth.

Amend Sec. 2 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 for a term of 4 years from the day of appointment *who serves at the pleasure of the board;* 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.

Amend Sec. 3 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 – As set forth.

Justification

At the original hearing on this bill, it became apparent that there was some concern regarding the amendments in Sec. 2 which removed the term of office. The proposed amendments herein would retain the term, but preserve the right of a board of county commissioners to remove an appointee during said term if there was a reason to do so. The proposed amendments to Sec. 3 are to eliminate the requirement that it be a court to appoint an interim or acting public guardian.