

1 **GUARDIANSHIP FORMS FOR PARENTS OF DISABLED**

2 **ADULT CHILD**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

6 House Sponsor: Daniel McCay

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide a listing of forms
11 and proceedings available to pro se litigants on the Online Court Assistance Program
12 website.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

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16 proceedings available to pro se litigants on the Online Court Assistance Program
17 website.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **78A-2-501**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 3

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **78A-2-501** is amended to read:

28 **78A-2-501. Online court assistance program -- Purpose of program -- User's fee.**

29 (1) There is established an online court assistance program administered by the

30 Administrative Office of the Courts to provide the public with information about civil
31 procedures and to assist the public in preparing and filing civil pleadings and other papers in:

- 32 (a) uncontested divorces;
- 33 (b) enforcement of orders in the divorce decree;
- 34 (c) landlord and tenant actions; ~~and~~
- 35 (d) guardianship actions; and
- 36 ~~(d)~~ (e) other types of proceedings approved by the Online Court Assistance Program
37 Policy Board.

38 (2) The purpose of the online court assistance program shall be to:

- 39 (a) minimize the costs of civil litigation;
- 40 (b) improve access to the courts; and
- 41 (c) provide for informed use of the courts and the law by pro se litigants.

42 (3) (a) An additional \$20 shall be added to the filing fee established by Section
43 [78A-2-301](#) if a person files a complaint, petition, answer, or response prepared through the
44 program. There shall be no fee for using the program or for papers filed subsequent to the
45 initial pleading.

46 (b) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the Online
47 Court Assistance Account. The fee collected under this Subsection (3) shall be deposited in the
48 restricted account and appropriated by the Legislature to the Administrative Office of the
49 Courts to develop, operate, and maintain the program and to support the use of the program
50 through education of the public.

51 (4) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide on the front page of the
52 Online Court Assistance Program website a listing of all forms and proceedings available to all
53 pro se litigants within the program.