

Amend SB 1196 (senate engrossed version) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subpart E, Part 2, Chapter XIII, Texas Probate Code, is amended by adding Section 652 to read as follows:

Sec. 652. LOCATION OF HEARING. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, the judge may hold a hearing on a guardianship matter involving an adult ward or adult proposed ward at any suitable location in the county in which the guardianship matter is pending. The hearing should be held in a physical setting that is not likely to have a harmful effect on the ward or proposed ward.

(b) On the request of the adult proposed ward, the adult ward, or the attorney of the proposed ward or ward, the hearing may not be held under the authority of this section at a place other than the courthouse.

(2) Immediately following SECTION 42(b) of the bill (page 32, between lines 5 and 6), insert the following appropriately lettered subsection and reletter subsequent subsections of SECTION 42 accordingly:

(____) Section 652, Texas Probate Code, as added by this Act, applies to a guardianship matter that is pending or commenced on or after the effective date of this Act.