

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 37.2-1001 of the Code of Virginia, relating to petitions for guardianship.*

3 [H 855]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 37.2-1001 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

7 § 37.2-1001. Filing of petition; jurisdiction; instructions to be provided.

8 A. A petition for the appointment of a guardian or conservator shall be filed with the circuit court of
9 the county or city in which the respondent is a resident or is located or in which the respondent resided
10 immediately prior to becoming a patient, voluntarily or involuntarily, in a hospital, including a hospital
11 licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to § 32.1-123, or a resident in a nursing facility or
12 nursing home, convalescent home, assisted living facility as defined in § 63.2-100, or any other similar
13 institution or, if the petition is for the appointment of a conservator for a nonresident with property in
14 the state, in the city or county in which the respondent's property is located.15 B. *Where the petition is brought by a parent or guardian of a respondent who is under the age of*
16 *18, the petition may be filed no earlier than six months prior to the respondent's eighteenth birthday.*
17 *Where the petition is brought by any other person, the petition may be filed no earlier than the*
18 *respondent's eighteenth birthday.*19 B C. Instructions regarding the duties, powers, and liabilities of guardians and conservators shall be
20 provided to each clerk of court by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court, and the
21 clerk shall provide that information to each guardian and conservator upon notice of appointment.22 C D. The circuit court in which the proceeding is first commenced may order a transfer of venue if
23 it would be in the best interest of the respondent.

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