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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1996**

House Amendments in [ ] — February 4, 1997

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-73 of the Code of Virginia, relating to representation in suits relating to the real property of a person under a disability.*

Patron—Johnson

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 8.01-73 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 8.01-73. Guardian ad litem to be appointed.

In every suit brought under this article, a guardian ad litem shall be appointed for *any persons* ~~person~~ under a disability *not otherwise represented by a [ fiduciary on his behalf* guardian, committee, or trustee, pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 37.1-128.01 et seq.) of Title 37.1, ] and for all persons proceeded against by an order or publication under the designation of "parties unknown" as provided for in § 8.01-316. The guardian ad litem shall file an answer as such.

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