

257D.03 JURISDICTION; PETITION.

Subdivision 1. **Jurisdiction.** The juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction over all petitions for guardianship brought under this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Petition.** An at-risk juvenile may petition the juvenile court for the appointment of a guardian. The petition must state the name of the proposed guardian and allege that:

- (1) the appointment of a guardian is in the best interests of the at-risk juvenile;
- (2) the proposed guardian is capable and reputable;
- (3) both the petitioner and the proposed guardian agree to the appointment of a guardianship under this chapter;
- (4) reunification of the at-risk juvenile with one or both parents is not viable because of abandonment, abuse, neglect, or a similar basis that has an effect on the at-risk juvenile comparable to abandonment, abuse, or neglect under Minnesota law; and
- (5) it is not in the best interests of the at-risk juvenile to be returned to the at-risk juvenile's or at-risk juvenile's parent's previous country of nationality or last habitual residence.

History: 2022 c 45 s 3