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Introduced by
Representatives Barto, Mason: Anderson, Burges, Clark, Murphy, Tobin

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 14-5201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO GUARDIANS OF MINORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 14-5201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 14-5201. Status of guardian of minor or unborn child; general

5 A. A person becomes a guardian of a minor by acceptance of a
6 testamentary appointment or ~~upon~~ ON appointment by the court.

7 B. A PERSON BECOMES A GUARDIAN OF AN UNBORN CHILD BY ACCEPTANCE OF AN
8 APPOINTMENT BY AFFIDAVIT. THE AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SIGNED UNDER OATH BY THE
9 PARENTS OF THE UNBORN CHILD AND THE DESIGNATED GUARDIAN AND MUST BE FILED IN
10 THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY OF THE PREGNANT MOTHER'S RESIDENCE BEFORE
11 THE CHILD'S BIRTH. ONLY THE PREGNANT MOTHER'S AND THE DESIGNATED GUARDIAN'S
12 SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED IF THE PREGNANT WOMAN AFFIRMS UNDER OATH IN THE
13 AFFIDAVIT THAT THE IDENTITY OR LOCATION OF THE UNBORN CHILD'S FATHER IS
14 UNKNOWN. AN APPOINTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE WHEN
15 THE AFFIDAVIT IS FILED.

16 C. The guardianship status continues until terminated, without regard
17 to the location from time to time of the guardian and minor ward.