

be appointed, the appointment may be made in the manner hereinafter provided.

62. (LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF WARDS.) No person other than a bank or trust company shall be guardian of more than five wards at one time, unless all the wards are members of one family. Upon presentation of a petition by an attorney of the Veterans Administration or other interested person, alleging that a guardian is acting in a fiduciary capacity for more than five wards as herein provided and requesting his discharge for that reason, the court, upon proof substantiating the petition, shall require a final accounting forthwith from such guardian and shall discharge him from guardianships in excess of five and forthwith appoint a successor.

63. (APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS.) (A) A petition for the appointment of a guardian may be filed in the Circuit Court in Equity of the County wherein the ward resides, or in the Circuit Court or Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City if the ward resides in Baltimore City, by any relative or friend of the ward or by any person who is authorized by law to file such a petition; Provided, however, that the Orphans' Court of the several counties and of Baltimore City shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court or Courts as to the appointment of a guardian of minor wards. If there be no person so authorized or if the person so authorized refuses or fails to file such a petition within thirty days after mailing of notice by the Veterans Administration to the last known address of such person, if any, indicating the necessity for the same, a petition for such appointment may be filed by or on behalf of any resident of this State.

(B) The petition for appointment shall set forth the name, age, place of residence of the ward, the name and place of residence of the nearest relative, if known, and the fact that the ward is entitled to receive benefits payable by or through the Veterans Administration and shall set forth the amount of moneys then due and the amount of probable future payments.

(C) The petition shall also set forth the name and address of the person or institution, if any, having actual custody of the ward and the name, age, relationship, if any, occupation and address of the proposed guardian and if the nominee is a natural person, the number of wards for whom the nominee is presently acting as guardian. Notwithstanding any law as to priority of persons entitled to appointment, or the nomination in the petition, the court may appoint some other individual or a bank or trust company as guardian, if the court determines it is for the best interest of the ward.