

Section 161 thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Conservators", and all to read as follows:

*Conservators*

162. *If an adult person residing in or having property in the State of Maryland is unable, by reason of advanced age, mental weakness (not amounting to unsoundness of mind), or physical incapacity, properly to care for his property, the Circuit Court of the county or city wherein such person shall reside or wherein such property is situated may, upon his petition or , WITH HIS WRITTEN CONSENT, UPON the sworn petition of one or more of his relatives or any other person or persons, appoint some fit person to be conservator of his property.*

163. (a) *Upon the filing of such petition, the Court shall fix a time and place for a hearing thereon; and shall cause at least fourteen days' notice thereof to be given to the person for whom a conservator is sought to be appointed, if he is not the petitioner, and to such other persons as the Court shall direct.*

(b) *The petition shall include among other things:*

(1) *The reasons for the appointment of a conservator;*

(2) *The name and address of the person for whom the conservator is sought;*

(3) *The date and place of his birth, if known; and*

(4) *The names and addresses of the nearest known heirs at law or the next of kin, if any.*

(c) *The Court in its discretion may appoint some disinterested person to act as guardian ad litem in any proceeding hereunder. Upon a finding that the person for whom the conservator is sought is incapable of PROPERLY caring for his property, BY REASON OF ADVANCED AGE, MENTAL WEAKNESS (NOT AMOUNTING TO UNSOUNDNESS OF MIND), OR PHYSICAL INCAPACITY the Court shall MAY appoint a conservator who shall have the charge and management of the property of such person, subject to the direction of the Court.*

164. *Such conservator before entering upon the discharge of his duties shall execute a bond with surety to be approved by the Court in such maximum amount as the Court may order, conditioned on the faithful performance of his duties as such conservator; and he shall have control of the estate, real and personal, of the person for whom he has been appointed conservator, with power to collect all debts due such person, and upon authority of the Court, to adjust and settle all accounts owing by him and to sue and be sued in his representative capacity. THE CONSERVATOR SHALL HAVE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO SELL, OR LEASE, THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PERSON FOR WHOM HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED CONSERVATOR AND TO HOLD THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, OR RECEIPTS THEREFROM, AND DISPOSE OF SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE COURT; AND, SUCH COURT SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWERS WITH RESPECT TO THE REAL PROPERTY OF SUCH PERSON FOR WHOM THE CONSERVATOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS IT*