

(2) NOTIFYING OFFICERS OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC WELFARE AGENCIES IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS OF THE ABSENTEE'S DISAPPEARANCE;

(3) ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF AN INVESTIGATING AGENCY.

(B) COST.

THE EXPENSES OF THE SEARCH SHALL BE TAXED AS COSTS AND PAID OUT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE ABSENTEE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 16, §204. The term "guardian" is substituted for "receiver". This term is defined in Art. 93A, §101(d). The reference to §203 is proposed for deletion because this section is proposed for repeal as unnecessary. Article 93A, §103 covers it. The only other changes made are in style.

SEC. 3-106. TERMINATION OF GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IF THE COURT DECLARES THAT THE PERSON IS DEAD, IT MAY TERMINATE THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO §221 OF ARTICLE 93A.

(B) TERMINATION OF PROCEEDINGS AFTER LAPSE OF TIME.

UNLESS THE COURT HAS TERMINATED THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING UNDER SUBSECTION (A), THE COURT, AFTER A LAPSE OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN OR A LAPSE OF ONE YEAR WHEN THE PERSON HAS BEEN MISSING FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, MAY ENTER A DECREE DECLARING THAT ALL INTEREST OF THE ABSENTEE IN HIS PROPERTY HAS CEASED, PROVIDED THE ABSENTEE HAS NOT APPEARED IN THE MEANTIME. THE COURT SHALL THEN ORDER THE GUARDIAN TO PAY TO THE ABSENTEE INSURANCE FUND THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN §3-107(A) AND SHALL TERMINATE THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING AS IF THE ABSENTEE HAD DIED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from Art. 16, §§ 205 and 207(1). If the court determines that the absentee is dead, the guardianship proceeding can be terminated under subsection (a). If,