

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the department of human services and the
2 supreme court for guardianship services.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - ADULT**

5 **PROTECTION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,286,415, or so much of the sum as may be
7 necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of providing adult protective
8 services, including the assessment of the needs of vulnerable individuals, identification of
9 alternatives to guardianship, and the compilation and dissemination of information regarding
10 family and local guardianship resources, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending
11 June 30, 2015. The department of human services is authorized twelve full-time equivalent
12 positions for this initiative.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - LEGAL**

14 **COSTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not
15 otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$146,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to
16 the department of human services for the purpose of providing for legal costs associated with
17 the establishment of guardianships for low-income individuals with serious mental illness, with a
18 disability, or who are elderly, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30,
19 2015.

20 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -**

21 **GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
22 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$517,000, or so much of the sum as
23 may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of contracting with

1 private entities to provide guardianship services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and
2 ending June 30, 2015.

3 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SUPREME COURT - COURT MONITORING.** There is
4 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
5 appropriated, the sum of \$314,495, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
6 supreme court for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to court personnel
7 on guardianship-related issues and monitoring and investigating complaints against guardians,
8 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The supreme court is
9 authorized one full-time equivalent position for this initiative.