## LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 422**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Howard, 9.

Read first time January 16, 2015

Committee: Judiciary

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Probate Code; to amend section
- 2 30-2201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide
- 3 for reasonable fees and costs for proceedings involving a minor as
- 4 prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
- 5 section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 30-2201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

- 2 2014, is amended to read:
- 3 30-2201 Sections 30-2201 to 30-2902, 30-3901 to 30-3923, and 30-4001
- 4 to 30-4045 and section 2 of this act and the Public Guardianship Act
- 5 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Probate Code.
- 6 Sec. 2. The reasonable fees and costs of an attorney, a guardian ad
- 7 litem, a physician, and a visitor appointed by the court for the minor
- 8 shall be allowed, disallowed, or adjusted by the court and may be paid
- 9 from the estate of the minor if the minor possesses an estate or, if not,
- 10 shall be paid by the county in which the proceedings are brought or by
- 11 the petitioner as costs of the action. An action under sections 30-2601
- 12 <u>to 30-2661 may be initiated or defended in forma pauperis in accordance</u>
- 13 with sections 25-2301 to 25-2310. The court may assess attorney's fees
- 14 and costs against the petitioner upon a showing that the action was
- 15 frivolous in accordance with sections 25-824 to 25-824.03.
- 16 Sec. 3. Original section 30-2201, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 17 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.