

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §44a-4-1

## **§44A-4-1. Termination of appointment of guardian or conservator.**

- (a) The appointment of a guardian or conservator shall terminate upon the death, resignation or removal of the guardian or conservator.
- (b) The appointment further terminates upon the death of the protected person. The guardian or conservator shall file the certified death certificate of the protected person with the circuit clerk with a final report or accounting.
- (c) A guardianship or conservatorship shall terminate whenever jurisdiction is transferred to another state or if ordered by the court following a hearing on the petition of any interested person.
- (d) In the case of a missing person, a conservatorship shall terminate when the missing person is located or when the person's death is established by the production of a certified death certificate, or the person is presumed dead pursuant to the provisions of article nine, chapter forty-four of this code.
- (e) The court or the mental hygiene commissioner shall prepare a termination order dismissing the guardianship or conservatorship case and discharging any bond posted by the guardian or conservator.
- (f) A termination of an appointment does not affect the liability of a guardian or conservator for prior acts or the responsibility of a conservator to account for the estate of the protected person.