

**231E.3 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Client*” means an individual for whom a representative payee is appointed.
2. “*Commission*” means the commission on aging.
3. “*Conservator*” means conservator as defined in [section 633.3](#).
4. “*Court*” means court as defined in [section 633.3](#).
5. “*Decedent*” means the individual for whom an estate is administered or executed.
6. “*Department*” means the department on aging established in [section 231.21](#).
7. “*Director*” means the director of the department on aging.
8. “*Estate*” means estate as defined in [section 633.3](#).
9. “*Guardian*” means guardian as defined in [section 633.3](#).
10. “*Incompetent*” means incompetent as defined in [section 633.3](#).
11. “*Local office*” means a local office of substitute decision maker.
12. “*Local substitute decision maker*” means an individual under contract with the department to act as a substitute decision maker.
13. “*Personal representative*” means personal representative as defined in [section 633.3](#).
14. “*Planning and service area*” means a geographic area of the state designated by the commission for the purpose of planning, developing, delivering, and administering services for elders.
15. “*Power of attorney*” means a durable power of attorney for health care as defined in [section 144B.1](#) or a power of attorney executed pursuant to [chapter 633B](#).
16. “*Principal*” means an individual for whom a power of attorney is established.
17. “*Representative payee*” means an individual appointed by a government entity to receive funds on behalf of a client pursuant to federal regulation.
18. “*State agency*” means any executive department, commission, board, institution, division, bureau, office, agency, or other executive entity of state government.
19. “*State office*” means the state office of substitute decision maker.
20. “*State substitute decision maker*” means the administrator of the state office of substitute decision maker.
21. “*Substitute decision maker*” means a guardian, conservator, representative payee, attorney in fact under a power of attorney, or personal representative.
22. “*Substitute decision making*” or “*substitute decision-making services*” means the provision of services of a guardian, conservator, representative payee, attorney in fact under a power of attorney, or personal representative.
23. “*Ward*” means the individual for whom a guardianship or conservatorship is established.

[2005 Acts, ch 38, §54](#); [2005 Acts, ch 175, §132](#); [2009 Acts, ch 23, §43](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1078, §2](#)  
 Referred to in [§235B.6](#), [§633.63](#)