

232D.505 Expenses.

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, the court shall inquire into the ability of the minor or the minor's parent to pay expenses incurred pursuant to the guardianship proceedings established under [this chapter](#). After giving the minor and the parent a reasonable opportunity to be heard, the court may order the minor or the parent to pay all or part of the following:

- a. Costs of legal expenses of the minor and the parent.
- b. Expenses for a court visitor.
- c. Filing fees and other court costs, unless the costs are waived for good cause shown.

2. If the court finds a minor's parents to be indigent, or if the minor has no parent, costs shall be assessed against the county in which the proceeding is pending. For purposes of assessing costs under [this subsection](#), the court shall find a minor's parents to be indigent if the minor's or the parent's income and resources do not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level, or the minor's parent would be unable to pay such costs without prejudicing the parent's ability to provide economic necessities for the parent or the parent's dependents.

[2019 Acts, ch 56, §29, 44, 45](#)

Referred to in [§232D.304](#)

Section takes effect January 1, 2020, and applies to guardianships and guardianship proceedings of minors established or pending before, on, or after that date; 2019 Acts, ch 56, §44, 45

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