

**232D.307 Background checks of proposed guardians.**

1. The court shall request criminal record checks and checks of the child abuse, dependent adult abuse, and sex offender registries in this state for all proposed guardians other than financial institutions with Iowa trust powers unless a proposed guardian has undergone the required background checks in [this section](#) within the twelve months prior to the filing of a petition.

2. The court shall review the results of background checks in determining the suitability of a proposed guardian for appointment.

3. The judicial branch in conjunction with the department of public safety, the department of health and human services, and the state chief information officer shall establish procedures for electronic access to the single contact repository necessary to conduct background checks requested under [subsection 1](#).

4. The person who files a petition for appointment of guardian for a minor shall be responsible for paying the fee for the background check conducted through the single contact repository unless the court waives the fee for good cause shown.

[2019 Acts, ch 56, §17, 44, 45](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §653](#)

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

Subsection 3 amended