

**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. “*Conservator*” means conservator as defined in [section 633.3](#).
3. “*Court*” means court as defined in [section 633.3](#).
4. “*Department*” means the department of health and human services.
5. “*Director*” means the director of health and human services.
6. “*Guardian*” means guardian as defined in [section 633.3](#).
7. “*Incompetent*” means incompetent as defined in [section 633.3](#).
8. “*Local office*” means a local office of public guardian.
9. “*Local public guardian*” means an individual under contract with the department to act as a guardian, conservator, or representative payee.
10. “*Protected person*” means the individual for whom a guardianship or conservatorship is established.
11. “*Public guardian*” means the state public guardian or a local public guardian.
12. “*Public guardianship services*” means guardianship, conservatorship, or representative payee services provided by the state public guardian or a local public guardian.
13. “*Representative payee*” means an individual appointed by a government entity to receive funds on behalf of a client pursuant to federal regulation.
14. “*State agency*” means any executive department, commission, board, institution, division, bureau, office, agency, or other executive entity of state government.
15. “*State office*” means the state office of public guardian.
16. “*State public guardian*” means the administrator of the state office of public guardian.  
[2005 Acts, ch 38, §54; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §132; 2009 Acts, ch 23, §43; 2014 Acts, ch 1078, §2; 2018 Acts, ch 1048, §4; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §588; 2024 Acts, ch 1009, §37; 2024 Acts, ch 1161, §159](#)

Referred to in [§22.7\(61\)](#), [235B.6](#), [633.63](#)

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