

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB0807

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

755 ILCS 5/4-1

from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 4-1

Amends the Probate Act of 1975. Makes a technical change to a Section concerning a testator's capacity.

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1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Probate Act of 1975 is amended by changing

 Section 4-1 as follows:
- 6 (755 ILCS 5/4-1) (from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 4-1)
- 7 Sec. 4-1. Capacity of testator.
- 8 (a) Every person who has attained the the age of 18 years
 9 and is of sound mind and memory has power to bequeath by will
 10 the real and personal estate which he has at the time of his
- 11 death.
- 12 Except as stated herein, there is a rebuttable presumption that a will or codicil is void if it was executed 13 14 or modified after the testator is adjudicated disabled under Article XIa of this Act and either (1) a plenary guardian has 15 16 been appointed for the testator under subsection (c) of Section 17 11a-12 of this Act or (2) a limited quardian has been appointed for the testator under subsection (b) of Section 11a-12 of this 18 19 Act and the court has found that the testator lacks 20 testamentary capacity. The rebuttable presumption is overcome 21 by clear and convincing evidence that the testator had the 22 capacity to execute the will or codicil at the time the will or codicil was executed. The rebuttable presumption does not apply 2.3

- 1 if the will or codicil was completed in compliance with
- 2 subsection (d-5) of Section 11a-18 of this Act. This subsection
- 3 (b) applies only to wills or codicils executed or modified
- 4 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th
- 5 General Assembly.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 99-302, eff. 1-1-16.)