The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

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Proposed law defines "diligent effort to locate" in curatorship proceedings to be efforts by the curator, under circumstances known to the curator, that are reasonably calculated to locate the absentee. Provides that these efforts may include review of court records, department records, law enforcement records, vital records, military records, directory assistance, internet search sites, and licensing agencies. Provides that publication is not required unless specifically provided in the Children's Code.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 405) provides for payment of curator fees from the parish or other funds available to the court.

Proposed law delineates responsibility for payment of curator expenses and fees depending upon whether the petitioner is the state or a private party.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 405(A) and (B); adds Ch.C. Art. 116(4.1))