

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

May 1, 2019

Introduced by M. of A. FALL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the surrogate's court procedure act, in relation to removing the prohibition on felons that prevents them from being appointed fiduciary of an estate

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 2  
2 of section 707 of the surrogate's court procedure act, paragraph (e) as  
3 amended by chapter 514 of the laws of 1993, are amended and a new subdivi-  
4 sion 3 is added to read as follows:

5 (d) [~~a-felon~~  
6 ~~(e)~~] one who does not possess the qualifications required of a fiduci-  
7 ary by reason of substance abuse, dishonesty, improvidence, want of  
8 understanding, or who is otherwise unfit for the execution of the  
9 office.

10 2. Persons ineligible in court's discretion. The court may declare  
11 ineligible to act as fiduciary:

12 (a) a person unable to read and write the English language; or

13 (b) a felon whose crime may be adverse to the welfare of the estate,  
14 including but not limited to, crimes such as embezzlement or any crime  
15 where there was a misappropriation of money or a breach of fiduciary  
16 duty.

17 3. Interpreter. Upon request of a person subject to the court's  
18 discretion under subdivision two of this section, the court shall  
19 provide an interpreter to interpret the testimony of any person who does  
20 not speak the English language well enough to be readily understood.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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