

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

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

4 Section 5. The Probate Act of 1975 is amended by changing  
5 Section 16-1 as follows:

6 (755 ILCS 5/16-1) (from Ch. 110 1/2, par. 16-1)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 99-93)

8 Sec. 16-1. Citation on behalf of estate.➤

9 (a) Upon the filing of a petition therefor by the  
10 representative or by any other person interested in the estate  
11 or, in the case of an estate of a ward by any other person, the  
12 court shall order a citation to issue for the appearance before  
13 it of any person whom the petitioner believes (1) to have  
14 concealed, converted or embezzled or to have in his possession  
15 or control any personal property, books of account, papers or  
16 evidences of debt or title to lands which belonged to a person  
17 whose estate is being administered in that court or which  
18 belongs to his estate or to his representative or (2) to have  
19 information or knowledge withheld by the respondent from the  
20 representative and needed by the representative for the  
21 recovery of any property by suit or otherwise. The petition  
22 shall contain a request for the relief sought.

23 (b) The citation must be served not less than 10 days

1 before the return day designated in the citation and must be  
2 served and returned in the manner provided for summons in civil  
3 cases. If there is a personal representative who is not the  
4 respondent, notice of the proceeding shall be given by mail or  
5 in person to the personal representative not less than 5 days  
6 before the return day designated in the citation.

7 (c) If the representative is the respondent, the court may  
8 appoint a special administrator to represent the estate. The  
9 court may permit the special administrator to prosecute or  
10 defend an appeal.

11 (d) The court may examine the respondent on oath whether or  
12 not the petitioner has proved the matters alleged in the  
13 petition, may hear the evidence offered by any party, may  
14 determine all questions of title, claims of adverse title and  
15 the right of property and may enter such orders and judgment as  
16 the case requires. If the respondent refuses to answer proper  
17 questions put to him or refuses to obey the court's order to  
18 deliver any personal property or, if converted, its proceeds or  
19 value, or books of account, papers or evidences of debt or  
20 title to lands, the court may commit him to jail until he  
21 complies with the order of the court or is discharged by due  
22 course of law and the court may enforce its order against the  
23 respondent's real and personal property in the manner in which  
24 judgments for the payment of money are enforced. The court may  
25 tax the costs of the proceeding against the respondent and  
26 enter judgment therefor against him.

1 (Source: P.A. 89-396, eff. 8-20-95.)

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15 respondent from the representative and needed by the  
16 representative for the recovery of any property by suit or  
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23 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
24 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
25 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section

1 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
2 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
3 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
4 Public Act.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.