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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1, 3**      **Guardian ad litem (GAL).** Allow the court to appoint a guardian ad litem within the district in cases where the guardian ad litem's program manager filed the delinquency or CHIPS petition.
- 2, 4**      **Guardian ad litem fees.** Clarify that language refers to "guardian ad litem" and not "guardians," which is another defined term in statute.
- 5**        **Structure; membership.** Provides that the members of the board, rather than the Supreme Court, shall elect a chair for the GAL board.
- 6**        **Permissive appointment of GAL.** Strikes an obsolete reference to a panel no longer used since the creation of the GAL board.
- 7**        **Fees.** Strikes statutory language referencing items decided at the board or program level.