

**§5-623. Jurisdiction**

A court of this State has jurisdiction to appoint a guardian or issue a protective order for a respondent if: [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**1. Respondent's home state.** This State is the respondent's home state; or [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**2. Significant-connection state and other factors.** On the date the petition is filed, this State is a significant-connection state and:

A. The respondent does not have a home state or a court of the respondent's home state has declined to exercise jurisdiction because this State is a more appropriate forum; [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

B. The respondent has a home state, a petition for an appointment or order is not pending in a court of that state or another significant-connection state and, before the court makes the appointment or issues the order:

- (1) A petition for an appointment or order is not filed in the respondent's home state;
- (2) An objection to the court's jurisdiction is not filed by a person required to be notified of the proceeding; and
- (3) The court in this State concludes that it is an appropriate forum under the factors set forth in section 5-626; [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

C. This State does not have jurisdiction under either paragraph A or B, the respondent's home state and all significant-connection states have declined to exercise jurisdiction because this State is the more appropriate forum and jurisdiction in this State is consistent with the Constitution of Maine and the United States Constitution; or [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

D. The requirements for special jurisdiction under section 5-624 are met. [PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]  
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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

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