Supplementary file 1: search strategy for rulings and data collected for each ruling in the study of the jurisprudence on protected adults’ voting rights

The strategy of search for rulings includes the following steps:

1/ go to the website Legifrance.gouv.fr at the following address: https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/initRechJuriJudi.do (see figure 1)

2/ write the words “tutelle” (tutorship) and “droit de vote” (right to vote) in the search boxes (framed by a black rectangle on the figure 2): « Mots recherchés » (searched words) and « Autres mots recherchés » (other searched words) and then click on the box “Rechercher” (search) to reveal all the rulings which contain the words "tutelle” (tutorship) and "droit de vote” (right to vote). These rulings are listed in order (see figure 2). On every line, the court (either appeals or supreme), the date and the number of the judgment are specified.

3/ click on each line and the complete text of each corresponding ruling will appear.

4/ were excluded from the analysis:

- rulings not relating to guardianship or
- rulings relating to a curatorship’ form of guardianship (in French, “curatelle”) or
- rulings relating to a tutorship’ form of guardianship (in French, “tutelle”) but without specification of voting rights.

If several rulings concern the same judgment (the same person, the same date), only one will be kept for the analysis.

The remaining rulings are thus the ones which concern judgments of tutorship for adults with specification of voting rights. In each of these rulings, were collected the following data (Microsoft Excel software):

- Number and date of the case, court (city, type: either appeals or supreme), concerns a guardianship’ affair (yes/no), form of guardianship (none, curatorship or tutorship) before and after the decision on appeal, specification of voting rights (yes/no)

- Reason for appealing against the initial decision: guardianship regime, choice of tutor, planned duration of guardianship regime, place of residence of the protected adult, decision about voting rights, financial reasons, other reason, not specified

- Status of the voting rights before and after the decision on appeal (kept, not kept)

- Motivation of the decision concerning the voting right (yes/no, single or multiple, details: desire of vote, interest in the vote, knowledge of the political life, capacity of vote and if yes criteria for it, exact formulation)

- Change of the status of the voting right (yes/no)

- Physician’s opinion about voting right (specified in the decision: yes/no, details)

- Agreement in the opinion about voting right between the physician and the magistrate: yes/no

- Further information about the controversial (initial) decision: present / absent, number and date of the initial case, court (city, type: either district or appeals), status of the voting right indicated (yes/no, if yes, kept or not), form of protective guardianship (curatorship, tutorship), motivation concerning the status of the voting right (yes/no, details)
Figure 1
Figure 2