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(a) A will may be deposited by the testator, or by his agent, for safekeeping with the register of the county where the testator resides. The register shall give a receipt for it, upon the payment of the required fee.

(b) The will shall be enclosed in a sealed wrapper, which shall have endorsed on it “Will of,” followed by the name of the testator, his address, and his Social Security number, if available. The register shall endorse on it the day when and the person from whom it was received. The will is not to be delivered or opened except as provided in this subtitle.

(c) During the lifetime of the testator a deposited will may be delivered only to him, or to a person authorized by him in writing to receive it.

(d) The will shall be opened by the register after being informed of the death of the testator. The register shall notify the personal representative named in the will, and any other person the register considers appropriate, that the will is on deposit with the register. The will shall be retained by the register as a deposited will until offered for probate. The register shall keep a photographic copy of a will transmitted elsewhere for probate.

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