

# HOUSE BILL 1336

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Notice Requirement – Method of Delivery**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain exceptions to certain notice requirements for certain  
4 estate matters if certain laws or rules require a different method of delivery;  
5 repealing a certain provision of law that authorizes the orphans' court to require or  
6 the personal representative to elect delivery of notice in a certain manner at the  
7 expense of the estate; repealing a provision of law that requires certain proof of  
8 reasonable efforts to give notice under certain circumstances; providing for the  
9 application of this Act; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to notice  
10 requirements for matters relating to estates of decedents.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Estates and Trusts  
13 Section 1–103  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 1-103.

2 (a) [(1) Unless personal service or some other method of notice is expressly  
3 required in this article or by the Maryland Rules, the] **THE** first notice required to be given  
4 a person is sufficient if deposited as first-class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the  
5 addressee at the address last known to the sender.

6 [(2) At the expense of the estate, the orphans' court may require or the  
7 personal representative may elect to have the first notice given by restricted delivery mail,  
8 postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed to the addressee at the address last  
9 known to the sender, with delivery restricted to the addressee.]

10 (b) A subsequent notice is sufficient if deposited as first-class mail, postage  
11 prepaid, addressed to the same address at which the first notice was received or, after notice  
12 in writing from the addressee of a change of address, to [his] **THE** new address.

13 [(c) If no return receipt is received apparently signed by the addressee, and there  
14 is no proof of actual notice, no action taken in a proceeding may prejudice the rights of the  
15 person entitled to notice unless proof is made by verified writing to the satisfaction of the  
16 court or register that reasonable efforts to locate the addressee and warn him of the  
17 pendency of the action have been made.

18 (d) **(C)** If the person to whom notice is sent is a minor or disabled person, and  
19 the minority or disability was not known to the sender at the time of the first notice, but  
20 was later discovered, any subsequent notice shall be sent to the judicially appointed  
21 guardian, if any, or, if none, the parent of the minor or disabled person, or other person who  
22 has assumed responsibility for the minor or disabled person.

23 [(e) **(D)** **(1)** A person, including a guardian or a guardian ad litem, may waive  
24 notice by a writing signed by [him] **THE PERSON** or [his] **THE PERSON'S** attorney and  
25 filed in the proceeding.

26 **(2)** A personal representative is not required to give notice to  
27 [himself] **THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
29 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or  
30 application to the estate of any decedent who died before the effective date of this Act.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2016.