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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Registers of Wills - Maintenance of Records - Electronic Recordation**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a definition of the term "book" to include a form of  
4 electronic recordation for the purpose of certain requirements that a register of  
5 wills maintain certain records concerning wills, administration proceedings, and  
6 releases; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to authorizing  
7 electronic recordation of certain records by the registers of wills.

8 BY renumbering  
9 Article - Estates and Trusts  
10 Section 1-101(c) through (v), respectively  
11 to be Section 1-101(d) through (w), respectively  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Article - Estates and Trusts  
16 Section 1-101(a)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

19 BY adding to  
20 Article - Estates and Trusts  
21 Section 1-101(c)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
25 Article - Estates and Trusts  
26 Section 2-211  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 1-101(c) through (v), respectively, of Article - Estates  
3 and Trusts of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)  
4 1-101(d) through (w), respectively.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland  
6 read as follows:

7 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

8 1-101.

9 (a) In the estates of decedents law the following words have the meanings  
10 indicated.

11 (C) "BOOK" INCLUDES A FORM OF ELECTRONIC RECORDATION.

12 2-211.

13 (a) The register shall maintain in [his] THE REGISTER'S office, for the  
14 purpose of recording the proceedings in connection with the administration of estates,  
15 a wills record book, an administration proceedings record book, a release record book,  
16 and a claims docket in addition to the claims against the nonresident decedents book  
17 described in § 5-503 OF THIS ARTICLE.

18 (b) Immediately upon the administrative or judicial probate of a will the  
19 register shall record it, with every paper incidental to probate, in the wills record  
20 book, and [he] THE REGISTER shall index it under the name of the decedent.

21 (c) Upon the final approval of the final administration account, all  
22 inventories, accounts, petitions, notices to creditors, and orders of court shall be  
23 recorded by the register in the administration proceedings record book, and indexed  
24 under the name of the decedent.

25 (d) Every release shall be promptly recorded by the register in the release  
26 record book, in the order of their filing, and shall be indexed under the name of the  
27 releasor.

28 (e) (1) Every claim filed with the register under the provisions of § 8-104(c)  
29 OF THIS ARTICLE shall be entered by [him] THE REGISTER in the claims docket  
30 promptly upon receipt so that the record shall show the name of the claimant, the  
31 nature of the claim, and the amount of the claim.

32 (2) Every entry relating to an estate or a decedent shall be indexed under  
33 the name of the decedent.

34 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 October 1, 1998.