

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1279 (Delegate Finifter)

Judiciary

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**Estates and Trusts - Appointment of Personal Representatives**

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This bill permits courts or registers of wills to use discretion in choosing personal representatives.

The bill is to be construed prospectively only and may not be applied or interpreted to apply to a death of a decedent that occurs before the bill's October 1, 1998 effective date.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The changes are procedural in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Register of Wills, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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