

HB0623/703125/1

BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 623
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Embry**” and substitute “**Delegates Embry, Arikan, Conaway, Kaufman, Phillips, Simmons, and Stinnett**”; and strike beginning with “repealing” in line 7 down through “register;” in line 8.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 in lines 5, 19, and 20, on page 3 in lines 4, 5, 28, and 29, on page 4 in lines 1, 18, 19, 20, 24, and 25, on page 5 in line 18, and on page 6 in lines 8 and 9, in each instance, strike the bracket.

On page 2, in line 1, before “**THE**” insert “**(1)**”; after line 3, insert:

“(2) NOTICE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL SATISFY ANY NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO BE PUBLISHED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IF A DECEDENT’S HEIRS ARE LIMITED TO:

(I) A SPOUSE;

(II) A REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER;

(III) LINEAL ANCESTORS; AND

(IV) LINEAL DESCENDANTS.”;

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in line 6, before “**THE**” insert “**OR**”; in line 9, strike the second set of brackets; in the same line, before “**WEBSITE**” insert “**OR**”; and in line 20, before “**ON**” insert “**OR**”.

On page 3, in line 4, after “(b)” insert “**(1)**”; in line 5, strike “(1)”; in the same line, strike “Publish once” and substitute “**PUBLISH A NOTICE:**”

(1) ONCE”;

in line 7, strike the first comma and substitute “**; OR**”

(II) FOR 3 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS ON THE CENTRALIZED WEBSITE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-208 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) A NOTICE PUBLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTAIN”;

strike beginning with “containing” in line 7 down through “**REPRESENTED**” in line 10; in line 28, strike the period; and in line 29, strike “(2)” and substitute “**(3)**”.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(3)” and substitute “**(4)**”; in line 20, after “appointment” insert “**OR ON THE CENTRALIZED WEBSITE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-208 OF THIS ARTICLE**”; and strike beginning with the comma in line 20 down through the first comma in line 22.

On page 5, in line 18, before “**WEBSITE**” insert “**OR**”.

On page 6, in line 7, strike “**THE REGISTER**”; in the same line, strike “, **FOR 3 WEEKS,**”; and in line 9, before “**ON**” insert “**OR**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 5, before “Within” insert “(A)”; and after line 11, insert:

“(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2025, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE REGISTER OF EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY SHALL, FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING ON THE PREVIOUS OCTOBER 31, REPORT TO THE MARYLAND REGISTER OF WILLS ASSOCIATION ON THE NUMBER OF ESTATES FOR WHICH AN INTERESTED PARTY OBJECTED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, FILED A CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE, OR CHALLENGED A WILL BECAUSE THE INTERESTED PARTY:

(I) DID NOT RECEIVE A NOTICE FROM THE REGISTER THROUGH THE MAIL; OR

(II) LEARNED ABOUT THE OPENING OF THE ESTATE BY READING A NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER.

(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EACH DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE MARYLAND REGISTER OF WILLS ASSOCIATION SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE INFORMATION REPORTED BY THE REGISTERS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, DISAGGREGATED BY TYPE AND JURISDICTION.”.