



HB 244 - Estates and Trusts - Registers of Wills - Electronic Filing and Signatures

Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Date: February 1, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) **SUPPORTS** HB 244, which would create a process to ensure that a register of wills is able to accept certain documents filed electronically.

Maryland banks are partners in their local economies and are directly interested in the economic growth, health, and vitality of communities across the State. As such, MBA supports legislation authorizing Maryland banks and partners to offer new products and services. Consumer needs and preferences drive the direction of the banking industry and banks are committed to meeting customers' demands for convenience. This bill would assist in that goal by creating a new electronic avenue to conduct business.

Accordingly, MBA urges issue a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 244.

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) represents FDIC-insured community, regional, and national banks, employing more than 30,000 Marylanders and holding more than \$181 billion in deposits in over 1,000 branches across our State. The Maryland banking industry serves about 4 million customers across the State and provides an array of financial services including residential mortgage lending, business banking, estates and trust services, consumer banking, and more.