

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 434 Session of 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the  
 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in grant of letters,  
 3 further providing for advertisement of grant of letters.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
 5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3162(a) of Title 20 of the Pennsylvania  
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3162. Advertisement of grant of letters.

9 (a) Notice generally.--

10 (1) The personal representative, immediately after the  
 11 grant of letters, shall cause notice thereof to be given [in  
 12 one newspaper of general circulation published at or near the  
 13 place where the decedent resided or, in the case of a  
 14 nonresident decedent, at or near the place where the letters  
 15 were granted, and in the legal periodical, if any, designated  
 16 by rule of court for the publication of legal notices,]:

17 (i) in the legal periodical, if any, designated by  
 18 rule of court for the publication of legal notices;

19 (ii) either:

1           (A) on the publicly accessible Internet website  
2           of the register of wills in the county where letters  
3           were granted according to fees established under  
4           section 2.1 of the act of July 1, 1981 (P.L.191,  
5           No.57), referred to as the Register of Wills Fee Law,  
6           or, if the register of wills of the county does not  
7           provide such website, in a newspaper of general  
8           circulation published at or near the place where the  
9           decedent resided; or

10           (B) a newspaper of general circulation published  
11           at or near the place where the decedent resided or,  
12           if the register of wills of the county does not  
13           provide a publicly accessible Internet website for  
14           publication, publication shall be made in a newspaper  
15           of general circulation published at or near the place  
16           where the decedent resided; and

17           (iii) in the case of a nonresident decedent, in a  
18           newspaper of general circulation at or near the place  
19           where the letters were granted.

20           (2) The notices required under paragraph (1)(i) and  
21           (iii) shall be published once a week for three successive  
22           weeks and, in the case of the notice required under paragraph  
23           (1)(ii), continuously for a period of not less than three  
24           successive weeks, together with [his] the personal  
25           representative's name and address; and in every such notice,  
26           [he] the personal representative shall request all persons  
27           having claims against the estate of the decedent to make the  
28           claims known [the same to him or his] to the personal  
29           representative or the personal representative's attorney, and  
30           all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to [him]

1     the personal representative without delay.

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3     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.