
From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:00 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Lawrence, Sharon
Subject: agenda item

Ms. Chair,

Please add these items under the BPRC committee report item:
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Thank you,

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From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 10:49 PM
To: Hoggarth, Joan
Cc: Pedri, David
Subject: Re: Co-Sponsorship: DIAMOND - Reducing Notification Costs for Estate Representatives

Thanks Joan,

This will be on the agenda. Please attend the committee mtg next Tuesday at 5 if you are able. You'll be able to speak about the legislation with the committee members.

Best,
Harry

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From: Hoggarth, Joan
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 3:41:39 PM
To: Haas, Harry
Cc: Pedri, David
Subject: FW: Co-Sponsorship: DIAMOND - Reducing Notification Costs for Estate Representatives

Good afternoon Harry,

Below is proposed legislation to be introduced shortly concerning advertising requirements on Estates. The PA Register of Wills/Clerk to Orphans Court Association supports this legislation as a way to keep costs down for families. I am passing along for the Legislative Committee for review.

Thank you,
Joan

Joan Hoggarth
Judicial Services and Records
Luzerne County

From: [Petrille, Donald](#)
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 11:56 AM
To: [Sharon Ackerman](#)
Subject: FW: Co-Sponsorship: DIAMOND - Reducing Notification Costs for Estate Representatives

Members:

Below is an email from Representative Russ Diamond with a co-sponsorship memorandum he is circulating. The legislation discontinues the advertising of decedents' estates in newspapers in favor of the Register of Wills's official website for the County where letters are granted. This proposed bill will save hundreds of dollars per estate, and will increase creditors' and beneficiaries' access to information.

We have supported this concept in the past, and I urge all of our members to contact their representatives to urge co-sponsorship.

Don

Donald Petrille, Jr., Esquire
Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court

From: Russ Diamond [<mailto:rdiamond@pahousegop.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Petrille, Donald <dpetrille@buckscounty.org>
Subject: FW: Co-Sponsorship: DIAMOND - Reducing Notification Costs for Estate Representatives

From: no-reply@legis.state.pa.us [<mailto:no-reply@legis.state.pa.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Russ Diamond <rdiamond@pahousegop.com>
Subject: Co-Sponsorship: DIAMOND - Reducing Notification Costs for Estate Representatives



Memorandum

Posted: September 13, 2017 2:32 PM
To: All House Members
From: Representative Russ Diamond
Subject: Reducing Notification Costs for Estate Representatives

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation to make it easier and less expensive for personal representatives to advertise the opening of decedents' estates to creditors.

Under current law, a personal representative must advertise the creation of a decedents' estate in a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks, in addition to the legal journal for the county where letters of administration or letters testamentary were granted. These advertisements often cost several hundred dollars.

My legislation would eliminate the requirement to advertise in a newspaper of general circulation in favor of the official website for the Register of Wills of the county granting letters. This legislation would allow the Register to charge a small fee, approved by the President Judge of the county, for such advertising which would be substantially less than the fees charged by newspapers.

While reducing fees to estate administrators and beneficiaries in the Commonwealth, the legislation will also better protect creditors by allowing for continuous publication on the Register of Wills website, so that creditors may more easily find and file any claims.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this important piece of legislation which will save Pennsylvania's families and survivors substantial sums during their hour of need.

Click here to Co-Sponsor this legislation

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