

**RESOLUTION R-2017-105
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution of the Luzerne County Council Supporting State Representative Diamond's Proposed
Legislation to Reduce Notification Costs for Estate Representatives*

WHEREAS, under current Pennsylvania law, a personal representative of a decedent's estate must advertise the creation of a decedent's estate in a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks, as well as, in the legal journal for the county where letters of administration or letters testamentary are granted; and

WHEREAS, such required legal notice often cost several hundred dollars; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Diamond intends to introduce legislation that would allow personal representatives of decedents' estates to advertise the opening of an estate on the official website for the Register of Wills in the county granting letters and eliminate the requirement to advertise in a newspaper of general circulation; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is intending to reduce fees to estate administrators and beneficiaries, as well as, protect creditors by making it easier to find and file claims against an estate; and

WHEREAS, the legislation will also allow the Register of Wills offices to charge a small fee for such advertising which would be substantially less than the fees charged by newspapers.

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council is in agreement with the principles of the foregoing proposed legislation and wishes to support such legislative action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council hereby affirms its support for the proposed legislation to reduce the costs of estate representatives.

The Effective Date of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED by Luzerne County Council at a meeting held on November 14, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE (9-1)

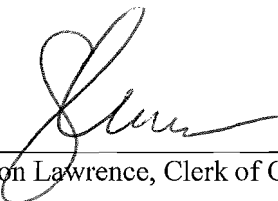
YES: Dobash, Haas, Kelleher, McGinley, Schnee, Sorokas, Waitkus, Williams, and Houck

NO: Brominski


LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Linda McClóskey Houck, Chair

Attest:


Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager