
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1903 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, V. BROWN, DeLUCA, HAGGERTY, MCGINNIS,
MENTZER, M. QUINN, RYAN, WARD, WATSON AND WHEELAND,
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

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;

1 (ii) on the official website of the register of
2 wills in the county where letters were grants according
3 to fees established under section 2.1 of the act of July
4 1, 1981 (P.L.191, No.57), referred to as the Register of
5 Wills Fee Law; and

6 (iii) in the case of a nonresident decedent, in a
7 newspaper of general circulation at or near the place
8 where the letters were granted.

9 (2) The notices required under paragraph (1)(i) and
10 (iii) shall be published once a week for three successive
11 weeks and, in the case of the notice required under paragraph
12 (1)(ii), continuously for a period of not less than three
13 successive weeks, together with [his] the personal
14 representative's name and address; and in every such notice,
15 [he] the personal representative shall request all persons
16 having claims against the estate of the decedent to make the
17 claims known [the same to him or his] to the personal
18 representative or the personal representative's attorney, and
19 all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment to [him]
20 the personal representative without delay.

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