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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2182 by Moody (Relating to decedents' estates and the delivery of certain notices or other communications in connection with those estates or multiple-party accounts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Estates Code to allow for the delivery of notice and citation in various probate proceedings by hand delivery via a private courier service, registered or certified mail, or by certain private delivery services with receipt of delivery.

The bill would increase from 12 to 16 years the age at which a minor may waive service of process in proceedings to declare heirship and probate a will. The bill would also allow people seeking appointment as personal representatives, executors, and administrators in probate cases to sign a declaration in lieu of swearing an oath and delete required disclosures of portions of social security and driver's license numbers.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated as a result from implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin

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