

By: Representative Scott

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 554

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH CHANCERY CLERK TO MAINTAIN A WILL
2 REGISTRY; TO AUTHORIZE ANY RESIDENT TO FILE A COPY OF HIS OR HER
3 WILL WITH THE WILL REGISTRY; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT SHALL NOT
4 AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF ANY WILL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Each chancery clerk shall maintain a will
7 registry in the office of such clerk, in addition to any other
8 duties required of the chancery clerk by law. Any resident of a
9 county may file a copy of his or her will in the will registry of
10 the chancery clerk. No chancery clerk shall file a copy of any
11 will of a person who is not a resident of that county.

12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this
13 section does not in any manner affect the validity of a will.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after July 1, 2018.

