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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes Surrogate of every county to establish electronic systems to accept electronic signatures on qualifying documents in probate matters.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning probate and supplementing Title 3B of the New
2 Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
8 contrary, the Surrogate of every county is authorized to establish
9 electronic systems to accept electronic signatures on qualifying
10 documents. As used in this act, "qualifying documents" include
11 application for probate, authorization to accept service of process,
12 executor qualification, surety bond, data entry review, renunciation
13 of executor, application for administration, qualification of
14 administrator, renunciation of administrator, affidavit of assets,
15 notice of probate, and similar qualifying documents. This act shall
16 not apply to any will.

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18 2. The Supreme Court may adopt Rules of Court and the
19 Administrative Director of the Courts may issue directives to
20 effectuate the purposes of this act.

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22 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill provides that the Surrogate of every county is
28 authorized to establish electronic systems to accept electronic
29 signatures on qualifying documents including application for
30 probate, authorization to accept service of process, executor
31 qualification, surety bond, data entry review, renunciation of
32 executor, application for administration, qualification of
33 administrator, renunciation of administrator, affidavit of assets,
34 notice of probate, and similar qualifying documents. This bill
35 would not apply to any will.

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37 In addition, the bill provides the Supreme Court may adopt Rules
38 of Court and the Administrative Director of the Courts may issue
directives to effectuate the purposes of this act.