

1 admission of the will, if any, to probate, the petition for summary
2 administration, the final accounting, and the petition for
3 determination of heirship, distribution and discharge. However,
4 nothing in this section shall affect the lien upon any property for
5 any estate or transfer tax which may be due upon the estate of the
6 decedent.

7 B. Notice to creditors and notice of hearing upon the petition
8 for summary administration and the final accounting, determination
9 of heirship, and distribution and discharge shall be combined into
10 one notice, referred to as a "combined notice". Combined notice
11 shall be filed within five (5) days from the granting of the order
12 admitting the petition and order for combined notice. The combined
13 notice shall set forth the following:

- 14 1. The name, address, and date of death of the decedent;
- 15 2. The name and address of the petitioner;
- 16 3. Whether a will exists;
- 17 4. The name and address of the personal representative, if
18 specified;
- 19 5. The name and address of the heirs or devisees;
- 20 6. The probable value of the estate of the decedent as set
21 forth in the petition;
- 22 7. The date, time and place of the final hearing;
- 23 8. That the person receiving the notice or any interested party
24 may file objections to the petition at any time before the final

1 hearing and send a copy to the petitioner or that person will be
2 deemed to have waived any objections to the petition;

3 9. That if an objection is filed before the hearing, the court
4 will determine at the hearing whether the will attached to the
5 petition shall be admitted to probate, whether summary proceedings
6 are appropriate and, if so, whether the estate will be distributed
7 and to whom the estate will be distributed; and

8 10. The claim of any creditor will be barred unless the claim
9 is presented to the personal representative no more than thirty (30)
10 days following the granting of the order admitting the petition and
11 combined notice.

12 C. ~~Within ten (10) days of the granting of the order admitting~~
13 ~~the petition and combined notice, notice of the petition, notice to~~
14 ~~creditors, and notice of final accounting, determination of~~
15 ~~heirship, distribution and discharge~~ The combined notice shall be
16 published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a
17 newspaper that is authorized by law to publish legal notices and
18 that is published in the county where the petition is filed, and the
19 first publication of the combined notice shall appear on, or before,
20 the tenth day after the filing of the combined notice. If no
21 newspaper authorized by law to publish legal notices is published in
22 the county, the notice shall be posted in three public places in the
23 county, one of which shall be the county courthouse. Within ten
24 (10) days of the granting of the order admitting the petition and

1 combined notice, the combined notice shall be mailed to creditors of
2 the decedent as provided in Sections 331 and 331.1 of this title.
3 Within ten (10) days of the granting of the order admitting the
4 petition and combined notice, the combined notice shall be mailed to
5 all persons interested in the estate of the decedent at their
6 respective last-known addresses.

7 D. The matter shall be set for final hearing not less than
8 forty-five (45) days following the granting of the order admitting
9 the petition and combined notice.

10 E. If there is a defect in notice or in the form of the
11 petition or if objections are filed, or for other good cause shown,
12 the hearing may be postponed to a date certain.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
16 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/24/2026 - DO PASS.

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