

## HB447 INTRODUCED



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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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9 Relating to Montgomery County; to provide for the  
10 filing of wills with the judge of probate.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. (a) Any individual who is a resident of  
13 Montgomery County and who has made a will may file the will in  
14 the Office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County.

15 (b) The judge of probate shall maintain a docket in  
16 which he or she shall register the will, the date on which it  
17 was deposited in his or her office, and the date of withdrawal  
18 of the will.

19 (c) The files shall be confidential and no individual  
20 other than the individual depositing the will, his or her  
21 legal representative, or his or her attorney may have access  
22 to the file prior to the death of the individual making and  
23 depositing the will.

24 (d) The docket shall be available for inspection by the  
25 public.

26 Section 2. The judge of probate may charge a reasonable  
27 fee for each will filed with his or her office.

28 Section 3. Nothing in this act may be construed to



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29 prohibit any individual from revoking a will by the execution  
30 of a subsequent will or to change the ambulatory nature of the  
31 will of any individual.

32 Section 4. This act shall become effective immediately.