

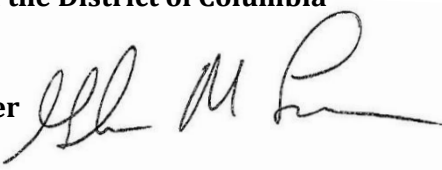
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: October 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Uniform Electronic Wills Act of 2022

REFERENCE: Bill 24-450, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on October 7, 2022

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Traditionally, wills must be written on paper and signed by two witnesses that attest to the validity of the will. The bill allows a testator to execute a will electronically rather than on paper while adhering to safeguards that uphold the validity of a will. Specifically, the bill requires that a will that is executed electronically must be a record that is readable as text, signed by the testator or by another individual in the testator's name, and must be signed in the physical or electronic presence of the testator by at least two individuals or must be acknowledged in the physical or electronic presence of a notary public.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Establishing procedures and standards to file wills electronically does not have a cost.