stylistic changes; and generally relating to certain time periods governing the administration of decedents' estates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 5-503(b), 5-603(b), 7-103, 7-103.1, 7-305, 8-102, 8-103(a), and 8-108(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

BY-repealing-and reenacting, with amendments,

Article Tax General

Section 7 305(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Volume and 1991 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

5-503.

- (b) A foreign personal representative shall:
- (1) Publish once a week for three successive weeks a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which real or leasehold property of the decedent was located, announcing his appointment, his name and address, the name and address of his Maryland agent for service of process on file with the register in each county where real or leasehold property was located, the name of the court which appointed him, a brief description of all real and leasehold property owned by the decedent in the county, the date of the decedent's death, and containing the following statement: All persons having claims against the decedent must present their claims to the undersigned, or file them with the register of wills on or before the earlier of the following dates:
 - (i) [Nine] 6 months from the date of the decedent's death; or
- (ii) Two months after the foreign personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that his claim will be barred unless he presents the claim within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice;
- (2) Record in each appropriate office of the register a certification that he has published notice as required; and
- (3) Promptly after a proceeding under this subtitle has been instituted, comply with the provisions of § 7–103.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.