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From: Judge James J. Lawlor  
Probate Court Administrator

Re: RB 1454 An Act Concerning the Requirements for Filing an Affidavit In  
Lieu of Administration in the Probate of a Small Estate

Date: March 30, 2007

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The Office of the Probate Court Administrator supports Raised Bill 1454 and recommends its favorable passage from the committee.

The affidavit in lieu of administration is an abbreviated and simplified procedure for handling small and uncomplicated estates. Under the existing statute, this procedure is available in matters in which the probate assets do not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and include no real property. This is an optional procedure. The normal estate process can still be utilized in any matter in which the circumstances so indicate.

This bill would simply increase the statutory threshold to forty thousand dollars. The current threshold amount was established in 1986. Taking into account inflation and other economic factors, the proposed increase appears appropriate and reasonable.