

**SENATE, No. 1893**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Repeals law that established optional will registry.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the optional will registry and repealing  
2 P.L.2005, c.97.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. P.L.2005, c.97 (C.3B:3-2.1 et seq.) is repealed.

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 STATEMENT

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14 This bill repeals the law establishing the optional will registry,  
15 P.L.2005, c.97 (C.3B:3-2.1 and 3B:3-2.2). The law provides that a  
16 person making a will or the person's attorney could register  
17 information concerning the location of the will with the will  
18 registry, which is maintained by the Secretary of State. The  
19 information in the will registry would include the name of the  
20 person making the will, the date the will was made, and sufficient  
21 identification of the location of the will at the time of registration.  
22 The will registry does not keep a copy of the will itself.

23 It is the sponsors' view that the statute is not useful and causes  
24 unnecessary additional work for surrogates.