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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 279

- 01/25/2021 Authored by Long
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law
- 02/04/2021 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read for the Second Time
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison with S. F. No. 258
- 02/08/2021 Postponed Indefinitely

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to the uniform probate code; removing a sunset for a harmless error

1.3 provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 524.2-503.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 524.2-503, is amended to read:

1.6 **524.2-503 HARMLESS ERROR.**

1.7 (a) If a document or writing added upon a document was not executed in compliance

1.8 with section 524.2-502, the document or writing is treated as if it had been executed in

1.9 compliance with section 524.2-502 if the proponent of the document or writing establishes

1.10 by clear and convincing evidence that the decedent intended the document or writing to

1.11 constitute:

- 1.12 (1) the decedent's will;
- 1.13 (2) a partial or complete revocation of the will;
- 1.14 (3) an addition to or an alteration of the will; or
- 1.15 (4) a partial or complete revival of the decedent's formerly revoked will or of a formerly
- 1.16 revoked portion of the will.

1.17 (b) This section applies to documents and writings executed on or after March 13, 2020,

1.18 ~~but before February 15, 2021.~~

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from March 13, 2020, and

1.20 applies to documents and writings executed on or after that date.