

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1950

TITLE: An Act relative to voluntary personal representatives

SPONSOR: Rep. David Robertson

COSPONSORS: None

HEARING DATE: April 22, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: None

CURRENT LAW: Article 3 of Chapter 190B of the General Laws sets out the provisions and standards for the probate of wills and administration. Section 3-1201 instructs on the procedure required for the collection of personal property by affidavit when an estate contains solely personal property valued at under \$25,000. A voluntary personal representative may act as the legal representative of the deceased and their state and in doing so may receive payment of any debt or obligation and the delivery of any chattel or assets which may be converted into a reasonable amount in cash.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Gives the voluntary personal representative the power to also open a bank account for the estate of the decedent. The bank must accept the attested register as acceptable documentation and the voluntary personal representative as the personal representative to the bank account.