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HOUSE BILL No. 5034

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A bill to provide for fiduciary access to digital assets; and to provide for the powers and procedures of the court that has jurisdiction over these matters.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
 "fiduciary access to digital assets act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- (a) "Account" means an arrangement under a terms-of-service
 agreement in which the digital custodian carries, maintains,
 processes, receives, or stores a digital asset of the user or
- 7 provides goods or services to the user.
 - (b) "Agent" means an attorney-in-fact granted authority under a durable or nondurable power of attorney.
 - (c) "Carries" means engaging in the transmission of an

- 1 electronic communication.
- 2 (d) "Catalogue of electronic communications" means information
- 3 that identifies each person with which a user has had an electronic
- 4 communication, the time and date of the communication, and the
- 5 electronic address of the person.
- 6 (e) "Conservator" means a person that is appointed by a court
- 7 to manage all or part of the estate of a protected person or a
- 8 parent for the parent's minor child if no conservator, plenary
- 9 guardian, or partial guardian has been appointed for the minor
- 10 child. Conservator includes, but is not limited to, any of the
- 11 following:
- (i) A conservator as that term is defined in section 1103 of
- 13 the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL
- **14** 700.1103.
- 15 (ii) A plenary guardian as that term is defined in section 600
- 16 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600.
- 17 (iii) A partial guardian as that term is defined in section
- 18 600 of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1600.
- 19 (iv) A special fiduciary appointed to take possession of and
- 20 administer a protected person's property.
- 21 (v) A special conservator appointed under section 5408 of the
- 22 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5408.
- 23 (vi) A guardian if no conservator has been appointed.
- 24 (f) "Content of an electronic communication" means information
- 25 concerning the substance or meaning of an electronic communication
- 26 to which all of the following apply:
- 27 (i) The information has been sent or received by a user.

- 1 (ii) The information is in electronic storage by a digital
- 2 custodian providing an electronic communication service to the
- 3 public or is carried or maintained by a digital custodian providing
- 4 a remote-computing service to the public.
- 5 (iii) The information is not readily accessible to the public.
- 6 (g) "Court" means the probate court or, when applicable, the
- 7 circuit court.
- 8 (h) "Designated recipient" means a person chosen by a user
- 9 using an online tool to administer digital assets of the user.
- 10 (i) "Developmental disability" means that term as defined in
- 11 section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a.
- 12 (j) "Digital asset" means an electronic record in which a user
- 13 has a right or interest. Digital asset does not include an
- 14 underlying asset or liability unless the asset or liability is
- 15 itself an electronic record.
- 16 (k) "Digital custodian" means a person that carries,
- 17 maintains, processes, receives, or stores a digital asset of a
- 18 user.
- 19 (l) "Electronic" means relating to technology having
- 20 electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic,
- 21 or similar capabilities.
- 22 (m) "Electronic communication" means that term as defined in
- 23 18 USC 2510.
- 24 (n) "Electronic communication service" means a digital
- 25 custodian that provides to a user the ability to send or receive an
- 26 electronic communication.
- 27 (o) "Electronic communication system" means that term as

- 1 defined in 18 USC 2510.
- 2 (p) "Fiduciary" means a person who is an original, additional,
- 3 or successor personal representative, conservator, agent, or
- 4 trustee.
- 5 (q) "Guardian" means that term as defined in section 1104 of
- 6 the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL
- **7** 700.1104.
- 8 (r) "Governing instrument" means a will, a trust, an
- 9 instrument creating a power of attorney, or other dispositive or
- 10 nominative instrument.
- 11 (s) "Information" means data, text, images, videos, sounds,
- 12 codes, computer programs, software, databases, or the like.
- (t) "Interested person" or "person interested in an estate"
- 14 means those terms as defined in section 1105 of the estates and
- protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1105.
- 16 (u) "Legally incapacitated individual" means that term as
- 17 defined in section 1105 of the estates and protected individuals
- 18 code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1105.
- 19 (v) "Letters" means that term as described in section 1105 of
- 20 the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL
- **21** 700.1105.
- 22 (w) "Minor" means that term as defined in section 1106 of the
- estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1106.
- 24 (x) "Online tool" means an electronic service provided by a
- 25 digital custodian that allows the user, in an agreement distinct
- 26 from the terms-of-service agreement between the digital custodian
- 27 and user, to provide directions for disclosure or nondisclosure of

- 1 digital assets to a third person.
- 2 (y) "Person" means that term as defined in section 1106 of the
- 3 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1106.
- 4 (z) "Personal representative" means that term as defined in
- 5 section 1106 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA
- 6 386, MCL 700.1106. Personal representative also includes a special
- 7 fiduciary appointed to take possession of and administer the
- 8 property of a decedent's estate.
- 9 (aa) "Power of attorney" means a record that grants an agent
- 10 authority to act in the place of a principal.
- 11 (bb) "Principal" means a person that grants authority to an
- 12 agent in a power of attorney.
- 13 (cc) "Proceeding" means that term as defined in section 1106
- 14 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL
- **15** 700.1106.
- 16 (dd) "Protected individual" means that term as defined in
- 17 section 1106 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA
- **18** 386, MCL 700.1106.
- 19 (ee) "Protected person" includes any of the following:
- 20 (i) A protected individual.
- 21 (ii) A legally incapacitated individual.
- 22 (iii) A minor for whom a guardian has been appointed but no
- 23 conservator has been appointed.
- 24 (iv) An individual who has a developmental disability.
- 25 (ff) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a
- 26 tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium
- 27 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

- 1 (gg) "Remote-computing service" means a digital custodian that
- 2 provides to a user computer processing services or the storage of
- 3 digital assets by means of an electronic communications system.
- 4 (hh) "Settlor" means that term as defined in section 7103 of
- 5 the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL
- **6** 700.7103.
- 7 (ii) "Special fiduciary" means a special fiduciary appointed
- 8 by the court under sections 1308, 1309, 7704, 7815, and 7901 of the
- 9 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1308,
- 10 700.1309, 700.7704, 700.7815, and 700.7901.
- 11 (jj) "Terms-of-service agreement" means an agreement that
- 12 controls the relationship between a user and a digital custodian.
- 13 (kk) "Trust" means that term as defined in section 1107 of the
- 14 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1107.
- 15 (ll) "Trustee" means that term as defined in section 1107 of
- 16 the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL
- 17 700.1107. Trustee also includes a special fiduciary that controls
- 18 all or part of a trust.
- 19 (mm) "User" means a person that has an account with a digital
- 20 custodian.
- 21 (nn) "Will" means that term as defined in section 1108 of the
- 22 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.1108.
- 23 Sec. 3. (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3), and (4), this act
- 24 applies to all of the following:
- 25 (a) A fiduciary acting under a will or power of attorney
- 26 executed before, on, or after the effective date of this act.
- (b) A personal representative acting for a decedent who died

- 1 before, on, or after the effective date of this act.
- 2 (c) A proceeding involving a conservator commenced before, on,
- 3 or after the effective date of this act.
- 4 (d) A trustee acting under a trust created before, on, or
- 5 after the effective date of this act.
- 6 (2) This act applies to a digital custodian if the user
- 7 resides in this state or resided in this state at the time of the
- 8 user's death.
- 9 (3) This act does not impair an accrued right or an action
- 10 taken in a proceeding before the effective date of this act.
- 11 (4) This act does not apply to a digital asset of an employer
- 12 used by an employee in the ordinary course of business.
- Sec. 4. (1) A user may use an online tool to direct the
- 14 digital custodian to disclose or not to disclose some or all of the
- 15 user's digital assets, including the contents of electronic
- 16 communications. If the online tool allows the user to modify or
- 17 delete a direction at all times, a direction regarding disclosure
- 18 using an online tool overrides a contrary direction by the user in
- 19 a will, trust, power of attorney, or other record.
- 20 (2) If a user has not used an online tool to give direction
- 21 under subsection (1) or if the digital custodian has not provided
- 22 an online tool, the user may allow or prohibit in a will, trust,
- 23 power of attorney, or other record disclosure of some or all of the
- 24 user's digital assets, including the contents of electronic
- 25 communications sent or received by the user.
- 26 (3) A user's direction under subsection (1) or (2) overrides a
- 27 contrary provision in a terms-of-service agreement that does not

- 1 require the user to act affirmatively and distinctly from the
- 2 user's assent to the terms-of-service agreement.
- 3 Sec. 5. (1) This act does not change or impair a right of a
- 4 digital custodian or a user under a terms-of-service agreement to
- 5 access and use digital assets of the user.
- 6 (2) This act does not give a fiduciary any new or expanded
- 7 rights other than those held by the user for whom, or for whose
- 8 estate, the fiduciary acts or who the fiduciary represents.
- 9 (3) A fiduciary's access to digital assets may be modified or
- 10 eliminated by a user, by federal law, or by a terms-of-service
- 11 agreement if the user has not provided direction under section 4.
- 12 Sec. 6. (1) When disclosing the digital assets of a user under
- 13 this act, the digital custodian may at its sole discretion do any
- 14 of the following:
- 15 (a) Grant a fiduciary or designated recipient full access to
- 16 the user's account.
- 17 (b) Grant a fiduciary or designated recipient partial access
- 18 to the user's account sufficient to perform the tasks with which
- 19 the fiduciary or designated recipient is charged.
- (c) Provide a fiduciary or designated recipient a copy in a
- 21 record of any digital asset that, on the date the digital custodian
- 22 received the request for disclosure, the user could have accessed
- 23 if the user were alive and had full capacity and access to the
- 24 account.
- 25 (2) A digital custodian may assess a reasonable administrative
- 26 charge for the cost of disclosing digital assets under this act.
- 27 (3) A digital custodian is not required to disclose under this

- 1 act a digital asset deleted by a user.
- 2 (4) If a user directs or a fiduciary requests a digital
- 3 custodian to disclose under this act some, but not all, of the
- 4 user's digital assets, the digital custodian is not required to
- 5 disclose the requested digital assets if segregation of the
- 6 requested digital assets would impose an undue burden on the
- 7 digital custodian. If the digital custodian believes the direction
- 8 or request imposes an undue burden, the digital custodian or
- 9 fiduciary may seek an order from the court to disclose any of the
- 10 following:
- 11 (a) A subset limited by date of the user's digital assets.
- 12 (b) All of the user's digital assets to the fiduciary or
- 13 designated recipient.
- 14 (c) None of the user's digital assets.
- 15 (d) All of the user's digital assets to the court for review
- 16 in camera.
- Sec. 7. If a deceased user consented to or a court directs
- 18 disclosure of the contents of electronic communications of the
- 19 user, a digital custodian shall disclose to the personal
- 20 representative of the user the content of an electronic
- 21 communication sent or received by the user if the personal
- 22 representative gives the digital custodian all of the following:
- 23 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- 24 form.
- 25 (b) A copy of the death certificate of the user.
- 26 (c) A certified copy of the letters of authority of the
- 27 personal representative, a small-estate affidavit, or other court

- 1 order.
- 2 (d) Unless the user provided direction using an online tool, a
- 3 copy of the user's will, trust, power of attorney, or other record
- 4 evidencing the user's consent to disclosure of the contents of
- 5 electronic communications.
- 6 (e) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 9 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 10 the user's account.
- 11 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the user.
- 12 (iii) A finding by the court that:
- 13 (A) The user had a specific account with the digital
- 14 custodian, identifiable by the information specified in
- 15 subparagraph (i).
- 16 (B) Disclosure of the content of electronic communications of
- 17 the user would not violate 18 USC 2701 to 2707, 47 USC 222, or
- 18 other applicable law.
- 19 (C) Unless the user provided direction using an online tool,
- 20 the user consented to disclosure of the contents of electronic
- 21 communications.
- (D) Disclosure of the contents of electronic communications of
- 23 the user is reasonably necessary for administration of the estate.
- Sec. 8. Unless the user prohibited disclosure of digital
- 25 assets or the court directs otherwise, a digital custodian shall
- 26 disclose to the personal representative of the estate of a deceased
- 27 user a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by

- 1 the user and digital assets, other than the content of electronic
- 2 communications, of the user if the personal representative gives
- 3 the digital custodian all of the following:
- 4 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- 5 form.
- 6 (b) A copy of the death certificate of the user.
- 7 (c) A certified copy of the letters of authority of the
- 8 personal representative, a small-estate affidavit, or a court
- 9 order.
- 10 (d) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 11 following:
- 12 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 13 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 14 the user's account.
- 15 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the user.
- 16 (iii) An affidavit stating that disclosure of the user's
- 17 digital assets is reasonably necessary for administration of the
- 18 estate.
- 19 (iv) A finding of the court that:
- 20 (A) The user had a specific account with the digital
- 21 custodian, identifiable by the information specified in
- 22 subparagraph (i).
- 23 (B) Disclosure of the contents of electronic communications of
- 24 a user is reasonably necessary for administration of the estate.
- 25 Sec. 9. To the extent a power of attorney grants an agent
- 26 authority over the content of electronic communications sent or
- 27 received by the principal and unless directed otherwise by the

- 1 principal or the court, a digital custodian shall disclose to the
- 2 agent the content of electronic communication if the agent gives
- 3 the digital custodian all of the following:
- 4 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- 5 form.
- 6 (b) An original or copy of the power of attorney granting the
- 7 agent the authority over the content of electronic communications
- 8 of the principal.
- 9 (c) An affidavit from the agent under section 5505 of the
- 10 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5505.
- 11 (d) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 12 following:
- (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 14 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 15 the principal's account.
- 16 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the principal.
- 17 Sec. 10. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, directed by
- 18 the principal, or provided by a power of attorney, a digital
- 19 custodian shall disclose to an agent with specific authority over
- 20 digital assets or general authority to act on behalf of a principal
- 21 a catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the
- 22 principal and any digital assets, other than the content of
- 23 electronic communications, of the principal if the agent gives to
- 24 the digital custodian all of the following:
- 25 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- 26 form.
- 27 (b) An original or a copy of the power of attorney that gives

- 1 the agent authority over digital assets or general authority to act
- 2 on behalf of the principal.
- 3 (c) An affidavit from the agent under section 5505 of the
- 4 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5505.
- 5 (d) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 6 following:
- 7 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 8 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 9 the principal's account.
- 10 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the principal.
- 11 Sec. 11. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or provided in
- 12 a trust, a digital custodian shall disclose to the trustee that is
- 13 an original user of an account any digital assets of the account
- 14 held in trust, including a catalogue of electronic communications
- 15 of the trustee and the content of electronic communications.
- 16 Sec. 12. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, directed by
- 17 the user, or provided in a trust, a digital custodian shall
- 18 disclose to a trustee that is not an original user of an account
- 19 the content of an electronic communication sent or received by an
- 20 original or successor user and carried, maintained, processed,
- 21 received, or stored by the digital custodian in the account of the
- 22 trust if the trustee gives to the digital custodian all of the
- 23 following:
- 24 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- 25 form.
- 26 (b) A certificate of the trust under section 7913 of the
- estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.7913,

- 1 that includes consent to disclosure of the contents of electronic
- 2 communications to the trustee.
- 3 (c) A certification of the trustee, under penalty of perjury,
- 4 that the trust exists and that the trustee is a currently acting
- 5 trustee of the trust.
- 6 (d) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 7 following:
- 8 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 9 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 10 the trust's account.
- 11 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the trust.
- Sec. 13. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, directed by
- 13 the user, or provided in a trust, a digital custodian shall
- 14 disclose to a trustee that is not an original user of an account a
- 15 catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by an
- 16 original or successor user and stored, carried, or maintained by
- 17 the digital custodian in the account of the trust and any digital
- 18 assets, other than the content of electronic communications, in
- 19 which the trust has a right or interest if the trustee gives the
- 20 digital custodian all of the following:
- 21 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- 22 form.
- 23 (b) A certificate of the trust under section 7913 of the
- 24 estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.7913.
- (c) A certification of the trustee, under penalty of perjury,
- 26 that the trust exists and that the trustee is a currently acting
- 27 trustee of the trust.

- 1 (d) If requested by the digital custodian, all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 4 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 5 the trust's account.
- 6 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the trust.
- 7 Sec. 14. (1) After an opportunity for a hearing, the court may
- 8 grant a conservator access to the digital assets of a protected
- 9 person.
- 10 (2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court or directed by the
- 11 user, a digital custodian shall disclose to a conservator the
- 12 catalogue of electronic communications sent or received by the
- 13 protected person and any digital asset, other than the content of
- 14 electronic communications, in which the protected person has a
- 15 right or interest if the conservator gives the digital custodian
- 16 all of the following:
- 17 (a) A written request for disclosure in physical or electronic
- **18** form.
- 19 (b) A certified copy of the court order that gives the
- 20 conservator authority over the digital assets of the protected
- 21 person.
- (c) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 23 following:
- 24 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 25 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 26 the account of the protected person.
- (ii) Evidence linking the account to the protected person.

- 1 (3) A conservator may request a digital custodian of digital
- 2 assets of a protected person to suspend or terminate an account of
- 3 the protected person for good cause. A request made under this
- 4 subsection must be accompanied by a certified copy of the
- 5 conservator's letters of authority or other order appointing the
- 6 conservator.
- 7 Sec. 15. (1) The legal duties imposed on a fiduciary charged
- 8 with managing tangible personal property apply to the management of
- 9 digital assets, including all of the following:
- 10 (a) The duty of care.
- 11 (b) The duty of loyalty.
- 12 (c) The duty of confidentiality.
- 13 (2) All of the following apply to a fiduciary's authority with
- 14 respect to a digital asset of a user:
- 15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 4, it is subject
- 16 to the applicable terms-of-service agreement.
- 17 (b) It is subject to other applicable laws, including
- 18 copyright law.
- 19 (c) It is limited to the scope of the fiduciary's duties.
- (d) It may not be used to impersonate the user.
- 21 (3) A fiduciary with authority over the property of a
- 22 decedent, protected person, principal, or settlor has the right to
- 23 access any digital asset in which the decedent, protected person,
- 24 principal, or settlor had a right or interest and that is not held
- 25 by a digital custodian or subject to a terms-of-service agreement.
- 26 (4) A fiduciary acting within the scope of the fiduciary's
- 27 duties is an authorized user of the property of the decedent,

- 1 protected person, principal, or settlor for the purpose of
- 2 applicable computer fraud and unauthorized computer access laws,
- 3 including, but not limited to, all of the following:
- 4 (a) Section 5 of 1979 PA 53, MCL 752.795.
- 5 (b) Section 540 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL
- **6** 750.540.
- 7 (c) Section 157n of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL
- 8 750.157n, to the extent that the property is a financial
- 9 transaction device as that term is defined in section 157m of the
- 10 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.157m.
- 11 (5) All of the following apply to a fiduciary with authority
- 12 over tangible personal property of a decedent, protected person,
- 13 principal, or settlor:
- 14 (a) The fiduciary has the right to access the property and any
- 15 digital asset stored in it.
- 16 (b) The fiduciary is an authorized user for the purposes of
- 17 computer fraud and unauthorized computer access laws, including,
- 18 but not limited to, all of the following:
- 19 (i) Section 5 of 1979 PA 53, MCL 752.795.
- 20 (ii) Section 540 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL
- **21** 750.540.
- 22 (iii) Section 157n of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
- 23 MCL 750.157n, to the extent that the tangible personal property is
- 24 a financial transaction device as that term is defined in section
- 25 157m of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.157m.
- 26 (6) A digital custodian may disclose information in an account
- 27 to a fiduciary of the user if the information is required to

- 1 terminate an account used to access digital assets licensed to the
- 2 user.
- 3 (7) A fiduciary of a user may request a digital custodian to
- 4 terminate the user's account. A request for termination must be in
- 5 writing, in either physical or electronic form, and accompanied by
- 6 all of the following:
- 7 (a) If the user is deceased, a copy of the death certificate
- 8 of the user.
- 9 (b) A certified copy of the letters of authority of the
- 10 personal representative, small-estate affidavit, or court order,
- 11 power of attorney, or trust giving the fiduciary authority over the
- 12 account.
- 13 (c) If requested by the digital custodian, any of the
- 14 following:
- 15 (i) A number, username, address, or other unique subscriber or
- 16 account identifier assigned by the digital custodian to identify
- 17 the user's account.
- 18 (ii) Evidence linking the account to the user.
- 19 (iii) A finding of the court that the user had a specific
- 20 account with the digital custodian, identifiable by the information
- 21 specified in subparagraph (i).
- 22 Sec. 16. (1) Not later than 56 days after receipt of the
- 23 information required under sections 7 to 14, a digital custodian
- 24 shall comply with a request under this act from a fiduciary or
- 25 designated recipient to disclose digital assets or terminate an
- 26 account. If the digital custodian fails to comply, the fiduciary or
- 27 designated recipient may petition or otherwise apply to the court

- 1 for an order directing compliance.
- 2 (2) An order under subsection (1) directing compliance must
- 3 contain a finding that compliance is not in violation of 18 USC
- **4** 2702.
- 5 (3) A digital custodian that receives a certificate of trust
- 6 under section 12 or 13 may require the trustee to provide copies of
- 7 excerpts from the original trust instrument and later amendments
- 8 that designate the trustee and, if the trustee is requesting
- 9 content of electronic communications, that includes consent to
- 10 disclosure of the contents of electronic communications to the
- 11 trustee.
- 12 (4) A digital custodian or other person that demands the trust
- 13 instrument in addition to a certificate of trust under section 12
- 14 or 13 or demands excerpts under subsection (3) is liable for
- 15 damages to the same extent the digital custodian or other person
- 16 would be liable under section 7913 of the estates and protected
- 17 individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.7913.
- 18 (5) This act does not limit the right of a person to obtain a
- 19 copy of a trust instrument in a judicial proceeding concerning the
- 20 trust.
- 21 (6) A digital custodian may notify the user that a request for
- 22 disclosure or to terminate an account was made under this act.
- 23 (7) A digital custodian may deny a request under this act from
- 24 a fiduciary or designated recipient for disclosure or to terminate
- 25 an account if the digital custodian is aware of any lawful access
- 26 to the account following the receipt of the request.
- 27 (8) This act does not limit the digital custodian's ability to

- 1 obtain or to require a fiduciary or designated recipient requesting
- 2 disclosure or termination of an account under this act to obtain a
- 3 court order that does any of the following:
- 4 (a) Specifies that an account belongs to the protected person
- 5 or principal.
- 6 (b) Specifies that there is sufficient consent from the
- 7 protected person or principal to support the requested disclosure.
- 8 (c) Contains a finding required by law other than this act.
- 9 (9) A digital custodian and its officers, employees, and
- 10 agents are immune from liability for an action done in good faith
- 11 in compliance with this act.
- Sec. 17. Notwithstanding section 7 or 8, an interested person
- 13 may file a petition in the court for an order to limit, eliminate,
- 14 or modify the personal representative's powers with respect to the
- 15 decedent's digital assets. On receipt of a petition under this
- 16 section, the court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition.
- 17 The hearing date must not be less than 14 days or more than 56 days
- 18 after the date the petition is filed, except for good cause.
- 19 Sec. 18. This act modifies, limits, or supersedes the
- 20 electronic signatures in the global and national commerce act, 15
- 21 USC 7001 to 7006, but does not modify, limit, or supersede 15 USC
- 22 7001(c) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices
- 23 described in 15 USC 7003(b).