



Ohio Revised Code

Section 2107.09 Who may enforce production of a will.

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(A) If real property is devised or personal property is bequeathed by a will, the executor or any interested person may cause the will to be brought before the probate court of the county in which the decedent was domiciled. By judicial order, the court may compel the person having the custody or control of the will to produce it before the court for the purpose of being proved.

If the person having the custody or control of the will intentionally conceals or withholds it or neglects or refuses to produce it for probate without reasonable cause, the person may be committed to the county jail and kept in custody until the will is produced. The person also shall be liable to any party aggrieved for the damages sustained by that neglect or refusal.

Any judicial order issued pursuant to this section may be issued into any county in the state and shall be served and returned by the officer to whom it is delivered.

The officer to whom the process is delivered shall be liable for neglect in its service or return in the same manner as sheriffs are liable for neglect in not serving or returning a capias issued upon an indictment.

(B) In the case of a will that has been declared valid pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 5817.10 of the Revised Code, the judge of the probate court or of the general division of the court of common pleas to which the proceeding was transferred pursuant to division (A) of section 5817.04 of the Revised Code who made the declaration shall cause the judgment declaring the will valid to be brought before the proper probate court as determined by section 2107.11 of the Revised Code at a time after the death of the testator. If the death of the testator is brought to the attention of the applicable judge by an interested party, the judge shall cause the judgment declaring the will valid to be brought before the proper probate court at that time.
