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SENATE BILL NO. 221  
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
(Proposed by the Senate Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Obenshain)

A BILL to direct the Rockingham Circuit Court to establish a pilot program for an online index of wills.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. Pursuant to an order of the Rockingham Circuit Court in accordance with subsection F of § 64.2-409 of the Code of Virginia authorizing the clerk to lodge wills for safekeeping, the clerk of the Rockingham Circuit Court may establish a pilot project for an online index of wills lodged for safekeeping, with a searchable database available to the public. Such database shall protect the privacy of information contained in wills so lodged with the clerk in accordance with § 17.1-293 of the Code of Virginia. The clerk shall pay all costs associated with the pilot project. The clerk shall make a written report to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary and the House Committee for Courts of Justice no later than November 1, 2026.

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