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How to Complete Your Georgia Self-Proving Will Affidavit

O.C.G.A. § 53-4-24 • Attach to your will or codicil

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR AFFIDAVIT.

About this form. A self-proving affidavit lets the Probate Court accept your will **without tracking down your witnesses** to testify after your death. Georgia law sets out the exact wording, and courts have rejected affidavits that leave parts out, so this form follows the statute. It can be signed at the same time as the will or later, as long as you and both original witnesses are living.

1. **Identify the will**
   Enter your name and the date of the will or codicil, and check which it is.
2. **Bring your two witnesses**
   The same two people who witnessed your will must appear with you. They must have been at least 14 when they signed; adults who receive nothing under the will are best.
3. **Everyone signs before the notary**
   The notary places all three of you under oath. Fill in the names in the affidavit and sign at the same appointment. Bring current photo IDs. **Need witnesses? Our notary can bring qualified witnesses for an additional fee.**

Signing requirements: Sworn to and signed by the testator and both attesting witnesses before a notary public.

After It's Signed

- Staple or attach the signed affidavit to the original will. Keep the original in a safe, accessible place and tell your executor where it is.

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SELF-PROVING AFFIDAVIT

Georgia Will or Codicil • O.C.G.A. § 53-4-24

Attach this affidavit to the will or codicil identified below. It may be signed when the will is signed or at any later time during the lifetimes of the testator and the witnesses. The testator and both attesting witnesses must appear together before the notary.

Name of testator

Date of will or codicil

☐ Last Will and Testament

☐ Codicil

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared _____, _____, and _____, known to me to be the testator and the witnesses, respectively, whose names are signed to the attached or foregoing instrument and, all of these persons being by me first duly sworn, the testator declared to me and to the witnesses in my presence that the instrument is the testator's will and that the testator has willingly signed or directed another to sign the instrument for the testator, and that the testator executed the instrument as the testator's free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed; and each of the witnesses stated to me, in the presence and hearing of the testator, that he or she signed the will as witness in the presence of the testator and at the testator's request, and that the testator was 14 years of age or older and of sound mind, and that each of the witnesses was then at least 14 years of age.

X _____
Testator

X _____
Witness

X _____
Witness

Sworn to and subscribed before me by _____, the testator, and sworn to and subscribed before me by _____ and _____, witnesses, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ (Seal)
Signature of notary public

_____
Printed name of notary public

Notary Public, _____ County, Georgia
My commission expires: _____

Notary seal

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