

Missouri

Wills, presentment for probate, time limited--presented, defined.

473.050.

1. A will, to be effective as a will, must be presented for and admitted to probate.
2. When used in chapter 472, chapter 474, chapter 475, and this chapter, the term “presented” means:
 - (1) Either the delivery of a will of a decedent, if such will has not previously been delivered, to the probate division of the circuit court which would be the proper venue for the administration of the estate of such decedent, or the delivery of a verified statement to such court, if the will of such decedent is lost, destroyed, suppressed or otherwise not available, setting forth the reason such will is not available and setting forth the provisions of such will so far as known; and
 - (2) One of the following:
 - (a) An affidavit pursuant to section 473.097, which requests such will be admitted to probate; or
 - (b) A petition which seeks to have such will admitted to probate; or
 - (c) An authenticated copy of the order admitting such will to probate in any state, territory or district of the United States, other than this state.