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MEMORANDUM

TO: Probate Judges
State of Alabama

FROM: Kathleen D. Baxter
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DATE: September 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Small Estate Valuation – July 2026 CPI-U Adjustment

In accordance with Act 2025-431, Section 43-2-696.02, *Code of Alabama 1975* (as amended), the small estate amount must at all times equal the combined maximum amounts of the homestead allowance, exempt property, and family allowance provided under Sections 43-8-110 through 43-8-113, as adjusted pursuant to Section 43-8-116.

Adjustments to exemption values are determined by the State Treasurer every three years to reflect the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), as published by the U.S. Department of Labor. Values are rounded to the nearest twenty-five dollars. Pursuant to Section 43-8-116, the adjusted amounts apply to exemptions claimed on or after April 1 following the adjustment date.

The CPI-U adjustments for the homestead allowance, family allowance, and exempt property as of July 1, 2026, total \$51,175, detailed as follows:

- Homestead Allowance \$20,475
- Family Allowance \$20,475
- Exempt Property \$10,225

Accordingly, the adjusted small estate valuation of \$51,175 will apply to exemptions claimed on or after April 1, 2027.

Additional information regarding the CPI-U adjustments is available on the State Treasurer's Office website at <https://treasury.alabama.gov/cpi-information/>. For questions related to this matter, please contact the State Treasurer's Office at 334-242-7501.

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