

such suit shall be brought by the employee within twelve months from the date of the injury and by the personal representative within six months from the date of the death of the deceased employee, and failure to commence such suits within said periods shall forfeit all right or claim of said parties to any payments out of said fund.

Amer. Coal. Co. v. Allegany Co., 128 Md. 564.

1910, ch. 153, sec. 6 (p. 489).

459. Upon application by a personal representative for the relief money contemplated by this Act, for the sustenance of the indigent dependent or dependents of a deceased employee, the County Commissioners shall determine who the dependents are, and the relative claims and necessities of each for shares of the relief money payable, whether the age, habits and prudence of such dependents, if any, are such as to render them fit persons to receive the principal of such relief money as may be apportioned by the County Commissioners to any dependent, and if not, then the County Commissioners may order such relief money paid in limited parts, periodically, until the portion and interest thereon of such dependent shall become exhausted. In the case of the dependents consisting of a mother and infant children said Commissioners may, after adequate investigation, if they shall deem it of advantage to the dependents, order not more than seven hundred and fifty dollars of such relief money invested in a home for such dependents, the title to be in fee, and to be invested in the personal representatives as trustee for the benefit of such dependents, and after such dependents shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, or marry, then for the benefit of the mother exclusively; and such Commissioners may pass such orders in relation to the sale, lease or mortgage of said home as may from time to time become expedient, with a view to effectuate the relief hereby intended for indigent dependents and to prevent dependents from suffering and want, and to conserve such relief money from waste, the County Commissioners are hereby given plenary administrative power over the same by appropriate orders, such personal representative shall report annually in detail to the County Commissioners the status of the relief fund in his hands, but shall not be required to account for same in the Orphans' Court; and the County Commissioners shall require such personal representative to give bond to the State of Maryland for the safe custody of the relief fund in his hands in the sum of two thousand dollars, and may be allowed the first year not exceeding two per cent. commissions on the principal thereof, and five per cent. yearly thereafter on the income in payment for his services. He shall deposit said relief money, not otherwise invested, in such bank as the County Commissioners may direct and shall only draw thereon in accordance with orders of such Commissioners. From any order passed by said County Commissioners under this section the personal representative or any person claiming to be a dependent may appeal within sixty days to the Circuit Court of such county, whereupon such Circuit Court shall have jurisdiction to determine the issues of fact and law raised by