

ARTICLE 46.

INHERITANCE.

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17. If lands not thus divisible, to be divided into as many parts as practicable; election by parties successively entitled.
18. After partition, proceedings to be returned to court for ratification.

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19. Proceedings where estate is indivisible.
20. Election by eldest son.
21. If he refuses, next eldest son to elect, and so on.
22. Where a person is entitled to estate of one heir and cannot agree with other heirs.

23. Absence of party entitled to election; notice by publication to.
24. If *non compos*, person next entitled shall elect.
25. If eldest male be not of age, eldest female of age shall elect.
26. Election or refusal may be in writing.
27. Person electing to take shall give bond to other persons.

Sales by Commissioners.

28. If all parties refuse to elect, lands shall be sold by commissioners.
29. Where all parties are minors, estate not to be sold until eldest arrives at age.
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