

## CHAPTER 571.

AN ACT to repeal section thirty-two of article ninety-three title "Testamentary Laws," sub title "Administration," of the Code of Public General Laws, and to re-enact the same with amendments.

**Repealed and re-enacted.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section thirty-two of article ninety-three, title "Testamentary Laws," sub-title "Administration," of the Code of Public General Laws be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows :

**Property of a married woman.** 32. If the intestate be a married woman, and shall leave no child or children or descendants all her personal property including therein all choses in action, shall devolve upon her husband absolutely; and it shall not in such case be necessary for him to administer upon her estate in order to pass title to him, unless she shall be liable in law for debts owing by her; but no title whatever to such personal property or choses in action shall pass to the said husband when administration is not necessary except by an order of the Orphans' Court declaring the same. Upon application of the said husband the court shall pass an order *nisi*, which shall be published in such manner and for such time as the court in its discretion may prescribe, and which after the expiration of said notice shall be finally ratified by said court unless cause to the contrary has been shown, but if the intestate be a married woman, and leave a child or children or descendants her personal estate including all choses in action, shall devolve upon her administrator or administrators, and the surplus of her estate shall be distributed by the Orphans' Court to the husband for his life and no longer, and after his death then to her children and descendants, per stirpes; and it shall be the duty of the Orphans' Court granting the said administration to direct the mode in which the said estate shall be interested so as best to serve the rights of children or others interested after the expiration of the life estate; and the whole of the said personal estate shall be subject to the orders of the Orphans' Court, and shall not be disposed of by the administrator except by virtue of an order or a decree duly passed by said court.

**Effective.** SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7th, 1892.