

mediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 23, 1962.

CHAPTER 85

(House Bill 62)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 162 (a), (b), and (e) of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law," sub-title "Settlement of Small Estates," broadening the small estate laws to include estates disposed of by will and providing for the administration or execution of such estates AND INCREASING THE FEES OF REGISTERS OF WILLS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 162 (a), (b), and (e) of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Settlement of Small Estates", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

162.

(a) When anyone dies *testate or intestate*, leaving a small estate consisting only of personal property, if the person who would be entitled to be appointed administrator *or executor* files in the orphans' court having jurisdiction a petition, under oath, declaring:

- (1) The time and place of decedent's death;
- (2) The known heirs **【;】** and *legatees, with their addresses;*
- (3) The known creditors, together with the amount of each claim, including contingent and disputed claims;
- (4) The known assets;
- (5) That petitioner has made a diligent search to discover all assets and debts of the decedent;
- (6) That said assets do not exceed \$1,000 in value; **【and】**
- (7) That there are no known legal proceedings pending in which the decedent is a party;
- (8) *That the decedent died either intestate or left a last will and testament executed in proper form; . the orphans' court, if satisfied that the allegations in said petition are true, may pass a preliminary order declaring that no formal **【administration】** proceeding is*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

【 Brackets indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.