

In those cases where the orphans' court is satisfied that the allowable funeral expenses of a male or unmarried female decedent are equal to or exceed the known assets of the decedent's estate, the orphans' court, after hearing and disposing of any objections filed in the orphans' court by anyone interested in the estate, may pass a final order as hereinbefore provided without the necessity of a preliminary order, notice to creditors, or statement.

(e) The several registers of wills shall prepare, and make available, forms whereby the petition, the preliminary order, the statement, the final order, and the certification of payment shall constitute one connected instrument. In lieu LIEU of all other fees, costs or charges, the registers of wills shall receive a fee of ~~\$4.00~~ \$7.50 for all services and work performed in connection with each estate hereunder, including the taking of all affidavits, plus a fee of 25 cents for each certified copy of the aforesaid instrument. *In addition to the fees authorized herein, the register of wills shall receive the fees provided by law for the probate of wills where any will is probated under this subtitle.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved March 23, 1962.

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## CHAPTER 86

### (House Bill 63)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 164 and 211 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Guardian and Ward", to change the age of a female minor in provisions relating to the power to appoint a guardian to receive land or distributive shares of personal estates, and in provisions regarding distribution of final accounts of and delivery of property of estates.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 164 and 211 of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Testamentary Law", sub-title "Guardian and Ward", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

164. Whenever land shall descend or be devised to a male *or female* under the age of twenty-one years, [or to a female under the age of eighteen years,] or any such male or female shall be entitled to a distributive share of the personal estate of any intestate, or to a legacy or bequest under a last will or codicil, or may acquire any

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.