

that (a) he shall make no distribution of property without formal order of the Court and (b) the Court may, upon allegations of the unfitness of the personal representative so appointed and of danger to interested persons and creditors and after notice to the personal representative and hearing, suspend the powers of the personal representative and appoint a special administrator pending final determination in the judicial probate proceeding.

5-406. *Finality of action in judicial probate.*

Except as provided in Section 5-407, any determination made by the Court in a proceeding for judicial probate shall be final and binding as to all persons.

5-407. *Successive proceeding.* A judicial probate may be reopened and a new proceeding held if, following a request by an interested person within eighteen months from the death of the decedent, the Court finds the existence of any fact which would permit the holding of a proceeding pursuant to Section 5-304(b).

Part 5—Foreign Personal Representatives.

5-501. *Letters in Maryland not required.*

A foreign personal representative shall not be required to take out letters in Maryland for any purpose. ~~regardless of whether a Maryland resident could qualify as a personal representative in the foreign personal representative's State of residence provided he shall have designated a local agent for service of process as provided in Section 5-104(b).~~

5-502. *Powers of foreign personal representative.*

Any foreign personal representative may exercise in Maryland all powers of his office, and may sue and be sued in Maryland, subject to any statute or rule relating to nonresidents.

5-503. *Real and leasehold property—creditors.*

(a) *Publication.* A foreign personal representative shall publish once a week for ~~two~~ THREE successive weeks a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in each County in which any real or leasehold property of the decedent was located, announcing his appointment, his name and address, the name and address of his Maryland agent for service of process ON FILE WITH THE REGISTER IN SAID COUNTY, the name of the Court which appointed him, a brief description of all real and leasehold property owned by the decedent in the County, and that claims may be filed with the Register at any time within ~~four~~ SIX months from the date of first publication. He shall record in each appropriate Register's office a certification that he has published such notice as required.

(b) *Statement of claim.* Any creditor may, at any time within ~~four~~ SIX months from the date of the first publication of such notice, file a written statement of his claim, substantially in the same form set forth in Section 8-104(b), with the Register and deliver or mail a copy of the statement to the personal representative. The Register shall maintain a book known as the "Claims Against Non-Resident Decedents" book in which all such claims and re-