

Court may by appropriate order direct the transfer of title to such person or persons if: (1) the will, if any, or a copy authenticated pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. Section 1738 is filed in the Register's office; (2) all death taxes (with interest and penalties) have been paid as contemplated in Section 5-504; (3) notice in a form, and to the extent, approved by the Court has been published to the effect that the decedent died owning the real property; and (4) all claims of creditors, if any, have been satisfied.

Part 6—Small Estates.

5-601. In general.

Where the property of the decedent subject to administration in Maryland is established to have a value of ~~\$2,000~~ \$2,000 or less, such estate may be administered in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5-602 to 5-607. No inheritance taxes shall be due or payable on any distribution from any such estate.

5-602. Petition.

A Petition for Administration of a Small Estate may be filed by any person entitled to administration pursuant to Section 5-104 and shall contain, in addition to the information required by Sections 5-201 and 5-202:

- (a) A statement that the petitioner has made a diligent search to discover all property and debts of the decedent;
- (b) A list of the known property and its value;
- (c) A list of the known creditors of the decedent, with the amount of each claim, including contingent and disputed claims;
- (d) A statement of any legal proceedings pending in which the decedent was a party.

5-603. Proceedings after Petition.

(a) *Determinations on Petition.* If the Register shall find that the Petition and any additional information filed in the proceeding is accurate, he shall:

- (i) Direct that the petitioner serve as personal representative of the small estate;
- (ii) Direct the immediate payment of the allowable funeral expenses and the family allowances provided in Section 3-201;
- (iii) Direct such sale of property as may be necessary to satisfy such expenses and allowances; and
- (iv) If it appears that there will be any property remaining after such payments, admit any will to probate and direct that notice be given in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) *Notice.* If the Register directs a proceeding in accordance with subsection (a) (iv), notice shall be given in the form required by Section 7-103, but the period within which objection must be made to such informal action or within which claims must be filed shall be thirty days from the date of first publication of such notice.