

restriction by will; providing that additional, extended powers may be conferred upon a personal representative by will or by agreement of all interested persons; providing a personal representative acting under extended powers with the authority to deliver inventories and accounts to all interested persons and to the Register in lieu of filing such documents among the public records; establishing 18 as the minimum age for execution of wills; providing in certain situations for 30 days' survivorship as a condition for a person's taking as an heir or legatee; providing for incorporation by reference in a will under certain conditions; providing certain uniform statutory forms to be used in the administration of estates; requiring that notice be given to heirs in a testate as well as an intestate administration; increasing the limit on the value of small estates and providing that no inheritance tax be paid thereon; placing the laws relating to wards and guardians in a separate article of the Code and, except for such laws, providing for the precedence of the provisions of this Act over all other laws affecting Article 93 heretofore enacted, including any passed at this session signed by the Governor prior to his signing of this Act; and relating generally to the estates of deceased persons, their composition, devolution, administration and distribution and to the rights of spouses, relatives and creditors therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 1 to 43, inclusive, Sections 45 to 163, inclusive, Sections 171 to 174, inclusive, Section 214, Sections 225 to 263, inclusive, Sections 265 to 273, inclusive, and Sections 277 to 393, inclusive of Article 93 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Testamentary Law," be, and they are hereby repealed; and Sections 1-101 to 12-102 be and they are hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the sections so repealed under the new title "Decedents Estates" and to read as follows:*

SUBTITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Part 1—Definitions and Use of Terms.

1-101. Definitions.

When used in this Article, unless otherwise apparent from the context:

(a) *"Administrative probate" means probate as defined in Section 5-301.*

(b) *"Child" is defined in Sections 1-205 through 1-208.*

(c) *"County" includes Baltimore City.*

(d) *"Court" is defined in Section 2-101.*

~~(e) "Extended powers" refers to those powers set forth in Section 7-102.~~

(f) (E) *"Heir" means a person entitled pursuant to Part 1 of Subtitle III to property of an intestate decedent.*