

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the General Assembly may wish to repeal the Married Women's Property Acts, and in their place, enact a single statute that reads: "A married woman has the same rights and liabilities that she would have if she were unmarried."

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code also calls the attention of the General Assembly to the substitution throughout this subtitle and Subtitle 3 of this title of the phrase "before or during marriage" for the former phrase "before or after marriage", for clarity. In keeping with the spirit of the former law, in Subtitle 3 of this title, the clause "after it ends" is substituted for the former clause "after such coverture has terminated".

4-202. RIGHTS OF SURVIVING SPOUSE.

A SURVIVING SPOUSE WHO BRINGS A PERSONAL ACTION TO RECOVER IN RIGHT OF THE DECEASED SPOUSE SHALL ALLEGE:

(1) SPECIFICALLY HOW THE DEBT OR RIGHT ACCRUED TO THE DECEASED SPOUSE; AND

(2) STATING FURTHER THAT, BY MARRIAGE, THE DEBT OR RIGHT DEVOLVED ON THE SURVIVING SPOUSE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 45, § 19.

In the introductory language of this section, the term "surviving spouse" is substituted for the former term "person", for clarity.

Also in the introductory language of this section, the term "deceased spouse" is substituted for the former phrase "his or her spouse after the spouse's death", for brevity.

Also in the introductory language of this section, the phrase "shall allege" is substituted for the former phrase "may declare specifically setting forth in the usual manner", for brevity.

In item (1) of this section, the word "deceased", which modifies "spouse", is new language added for clarity.

In item (2) of this section, the phrase "surviving spouse" is substituted for the former phrase "him or her", for clarity.

The only other changes are in style.

4-203. RIGHT OF MARRIED WOMAN TO HOLD, USE, AND DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.