Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

5-601.

(a) If the property of the decedent subject to administration in Maryland is established to have a gross value of [$10,000] $20,000 or less as of the date of the death of the decedent, the estate may be administered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 5-602 through 5-607.

(b) If, before the filing of an initial account in administration proceedings instituted under Subtitle 3 or Subtitle 4 of this title, the property of the decedent subject to administration in Maryland is established to have a gross value of [$10,000] $20,000 or less as of the date of the death of the decedent, the estate thereafter may be administered in accordance with the provisions of §§ 5-602 through 5-607.

(c) An inheritance tax is not due or payable on a distribution from such estate.

5-603.

(a) If the register finds that the petition and additional information filed in the proceeding is accurate, he shall:

(1) Direct that the petitioner serve as personal representative of the small estate AND ISSUE ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AS NEEDED;

[b)-(1)--If-the-register-directs-a-proceeding-in--accordance with--subsection--(a)(4),--unless--notice-of-the-appointment-of-a personal-representative-appointed-under-Subtitle-3-or-Subtitle--4 of--this--title--has-been-published-one-or-more-times-notice-shall be-given-once-in-the-form-required-by-§--7-103,--but--the--period within-which-objection-must-be-made-to-the-action-or-within-which claims-must-be-filed-is-[30]-60-days-from-the-date-of-publication of-notice.

5-605.

Property of the decedent discovered after the filing of the petition shall be reported immediately by supplemental petition. If no administration was had in accordance with § 5-603(a)(4) because of the failure to include after-discovered property in the original petition, the register shall direct appropriate