

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

Article – Estates and Trusts

1-301.

(A) All property of a decedent shall be subject to the estates of decedents law, and upon [his] THE PERSON'S death shall pass directly to the personal representative, who shall hold the legal title for administration and distribution, without any distinction, preference, or priority as between real and personal property.

(B) THE COURT MAY DETERMINE QUESTIONS OF TITLE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT EXCEEDING \$20,000 IN VALUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHAT PERSONAL PROPERTY IS PROPERLY INCLUDABLE IN AN ESTATE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A PROCEEDING BEFORE THE COURT.

2-102.

(a) The court may conduct judicial probate, direct the conduct of a personal representative, and pass orders which may be required in the course of the administration of an estate of a decedent. It may summon witnesses. The court [shall] MAY not, under pretext of incidental power or constructive authority, exercise any jurisdiction not expressly conferred.

(b) The court may not establish rules of practice and procedure inconsistent with the Maryland Rules or with any statute.

(c) An interested person may petition the court to resolve any question concerning an estate or its administration.

(D) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE COURT'S AUTHORITY UNDER § 1-301(B) OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act applies to the estates of decedents who die after October 1, 1994.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1994.

Approved May 26, 1994.

CHAPTER 707

(Senate Bill 43)

AN ACT concerning

State Folk Dance – Square Dancing

FOR the purpose of declaring square dancing as the State folk dance.