

pective proportions of the whole sum so paid, and each other representative, or his or her guardian, shall be obliged to repay or allow him his or her part thereof respectively; and in case the lands or estate shall be sold by the commissioners agreeably to the provisions of the said act, they shall then pay out of the money arising from the sale the whole of the expences attending the execution of their commission, to be allowed as above by the chancellor, or county courts.

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III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases of sale made by the said commissioners, after the same shall be ratified by the respective county courts, or chancellor, and the terms of sale shall have been complied with by the purchaser or purchasers having paid the purchase money agreeably to the said terms of sale, it shall then be the duty of the commissioners, or a majority of them, or the survivor or survivor of them, to make over unto the purchaser or purchasers, by deed duly executed and acknowledged according to law, all the right, title, claim, interest and estate, of the deceased intestate to the lands and premises sold by them in virtue of their commission, and the commission, and proceedings thereon, shall be recited in the preamble of the respective deeds; and every such deed shall be recorded within the time now limited by law.

Who may
make over
lands, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the estate of an intestate shall be sold on a credit, bonds shall be taken for the purchase money from the purchaser or purchasers by the commissioners, with security if required, and made payable to each representative respectively, according to his or her proportional part of the net amount of sales.

Bonds to be
taken, &c.

V. AND, whereas it may be beneficial to the parties concerned, either where a division is adjudged to be made among the representatives, or a sale of the estate becomes necessary, that the widow's dower in and to the same should be previously ascertained and laid off; BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners shall be and they are hereby empowered and directed to ascertain and lay off the widow's dower in and to the lands and tenements of the intestate, by virtue of their commission, before they shall proceed to divide or value the same; and the said commissioners shall make the ascertainment and location of such dower a part of their return to such commission; and the chancellor, or the county court, as the case may be, shall determine thereon, and confirm or reject the same, as in other cases under the said act.

Widow's dower
may be laid
off, &c.

VI. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in case of sale of the intestate's real estate by the commissioners, if the widow will consent to the sale of the whole estate, she shall signify and subscribe her consent in writing, and the same shall be filed with the clerk of the county court, or with the register in chancery, as the case may be, and thereupon the said commissioners shall proceed to sell the whole real estate agreeably to the terms prescribed to them, disincumbered by any right or title of dower, and in consideration thereof the chancellor, or the county court, respectively, shall award to the widow such proportion of the purchase money as he or they shall think just and equitable, not exceeding more than one seventh part, nor less than one tenth part of the net amount of sales, according to the age, health and condition of such widow; and such award of payment shall be a sufficient bar to all and every right or title of dower which such widow may claim to the lands and tenements of such intestate.

Proviso.

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An ACT to regulate elections.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the persons herein after named shall be and they are hereby appointed and authorized, or a majority of them, or a majority of the survivors of them, in each county, commissioners to lay off the county for which they are appointed into the number of districts which by the act, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned, such county is divided into, carefully making the several districts as nearly equal as possible, having regard to population, extent, and the convenience of the voters; and each election district shall be numbered by said commissioners, and known thereafter by such number; and also to make choice of a place in each district, at which the elections shall be held, as nearly central as shall be practicable, having regard to the circumstances aforesaid, and the accommodation of persons attendant upon such election; and the said commissioners shall, on or before the fifteenth day of July next, deliver to the clerk of the county court of their respective counties a description, in writing, under their hands and seals, specifying plainly the boundaries and number of each district, and also the place in each district where the election for such district shall be held, and the said clerk shall record the same in the records of the county.

Passed 3d of
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Persons named
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missioners, &c.