

CHAP. 191.

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An Act to amend and reduce into one system the Laws to Direct Descents.

Passed Feb 14 1821
How lands, &c.
of a person dying
intestate shall de-
scend.

How the estate
shall descend, if
it descended to
the intestate on
the part of the
father, and there
be no child or de-
scendant of the
intestate.

How to descend
if it descended to
the intestate on
the part of the
mother, and there
be no child or
descendant of the
intestate.

How to descend,
if it vested in the
intestate by pur-
chase, or by de-
scend otherwise
than on the part
of the father or
mother, and there
be no child or de-
scendant of the
intestate.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That if after the commencement of this act, any person seized of an estate in any lands, tenements or hereditaments, lying or being in this state, in fee simple or fee simple conditional, heretofore or hereafter acquired, or of an estate in fee tail general, created and acquired after the commencement of this act, shall die intestate thereof, such lands, tenements or hereditaments, shall descend in fee simple to the kindred, male and female, of such person, in the following order, to wit: First to the child or children and their descendants, if any, equally, and if no child or descendant, and the estate descended to the intestate, on the part of the father, then to the father; and if no father living, then to the brothers and sisters of the intestate of the blood of the father, and their descendants, equally; and if no brother or sister as aforesaid, or descendant from such brother or sister, then to the grandfather on the part of the father; and if no such grandfather living, then to the descendants of such grandfather, and their descendants in equal degree equally; and if no descendant of such grandfather, then to the father of such grandfather; and if none such living, then to the descendants of the father of such grandfather in equal degree, and so on, passing to the next lineal male paternal ancestor, and if none such, to his descendants in equal degree, without end; and if no paternal ancestor, or descendant from such ancestor, then to the mother of the intestate; and if no mother living, to her descendants in equal degree equally; and if no mother living, or descendants from such mother, then to the maternal ancestors, and their descendants, in the same manner as is above directed as to the paternal ancestors and their descendants; and if the estate descended to the intestate on the part of the mother, and the intestate shall die without any child or descendant as aforesaid, then the estate shall go to the mother; and if no mother living, then to the brothers and sisters of the intestate, of the blood of the mother, and their descendants, in equal degree equally; and if no such brother or sister, or descendant of such brother or sister, then to the grandfather on the part of the mother; and if no such grandfather living, then to his descendants in equal degree, equally; and if no such descendant of such grandfather, then to the father of such grandfather; and if none such living, then to his descendants in equal degree, and so on, passing to the next male maternal ancestor, and if none such living, to his descendants in equal degree; and if no such maternal ancestor, or descendant from any maternal ancestor, then to the father of the intestate; and if no father living, to his descendants in equal degree, equally; and if no father living, or descendant from the father, then to the paternal ancestors, and their descendants, in the same manner as is above directed as to the maternal ancestors; and if the estate is or shall be vested in the intestate by purchase, or shall descend to or vest in the intestate, in any other manner than as herein before mentioned, and there be no child or descendant of such intestate, then the estate shall descend to the brothers and sisters of such intestate, of the whole blood, and their descendants, in equal degree, equally; and if no brother or sister of the whole blood, or descendant from such