

(d) In the last sentence in subsection (a) of section 11 of the Act strike out "Secretary of the Interior" and insert in lieu thereof "Secretary of Commerce".

64 Stat. 1070.
16 USC 990.

SEC. 111. (a) Section 3(a) of the Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may designate from time to time Alternate United States Commissioners to the Commission. An Alternate United States Commissioner may exercise, at any meeting of the Commission or of the United States Commissioners or of the advisory committee established pursuant to section 4, all powers and duties of a United States Commissioner in the absence of a duly designated Commissioner for whatever reason. The number of such Alternate United States Commissioners that may be designated for any such meeting shall be limited to the number of authorized United States Commissioners that will not be present."

Alternate U.S.
Commissioners.
16 USC 982.

16 USC 983.

(b) Section 3(b) of the Act is amended by inserting immediately after "Commissioners" in both places it occurs, the following: "or Alternate Commissioners".

(c) Section 5 of the Act is amended to read as follows:

16 USC 984.

"SEC. 5. Service of an individual as a United States Commissioner or Alternate United States Commissioner appointed pursuant to section 3(a), or as a member of the advisory committee appointed pursuant to section 4(a), shall be deemed service as a special Government employee of the United States, as defined in section 202 of title 18, United States Code."

76 Stat. 1121;
82 Stat. 1115.
16 USC 991.

(d) Section 12 of the Act is amended by inserting immediately after "Commissioners" the following: ", Alternate United States Commissioners,".

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Public Law 92-88

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Code with respect to the administration of small estates, and for other purposes.

August 11, 1971
[H. R. 7931]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Administration of Estates Act".

District of
Columbia Adminis-
tration of Estates
Act.

SEC. 2. Sections 20-2101, 20-2102, 20-2106, and 20-2107 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to the administration of small estates) are each amended by striking out "\$500" wherever it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,500".

79 Stat. 730.

SEC. 3 (a) Section 15-707 (a) of the District of Columbia Code, as amended by section 144(10) (A) of the District of Columbia Court Reorganization Act of 1970, is amended by striking out "Superior Court" and inserting in lieu thereof "court having jurisdiction over probate matters in the District of Columbia."

Probate fees.

84 Stat. 553.

(b) Section 15-707(b) of the District of Columbia Code, as amended by section 144(10) (A) of the District of Columbia Court Reorganization Act of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Where the estate does not exceed \$500 in value the Register of Wills shall receive no fees, and where the estate does not exceed \$2,500 in value the fees may not exceed \$15."

SEC. 4. The last sentence of section 20-2105 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to the administration of small estates) is amended to read as follows: "The Register of Wills may demand and receive for services performed by him under this chapter such fees

as shall be set by the court having jurisdiction over probate matters in the District of Columbia.”

Family allowance.
79 Stat. 693.

SEC. 5. Section 19-101 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to the family allowance) is amended—

(1) by striking out in subsection (a) and subsection (e) “\$500” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$2,500”; and

(2) by striking out in the third sentence of subsection (a) “\$200” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$600”.

Motor vehicles,
title transfer.
64 Stat. 792;
70 Stat. 102.

SEC. 6. Section 2 of title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 40-102) is further amended by adding at the end of subsection (d) thereof the following: “When the only assets of a decedent’s estate requiring administration consist of not more than two motor vehicles, the Commissioner of the District of Columbia may upon proof satisfactory to him that all debts and taxes owed by the decedent have been paid or provided for, transfer the title to such motor vehicles to the person or persons entitled thereto or their nominee; and in such case, no administration of the decedent’s estate, or other proceedings, need be had. In the event that any of the persons entitled to the transfer of title hereunder shall be a minor, the custodian or the legal guardian of said minor may nominate transferees on behalf of such minor.”

Administrator,
order of preference.
79 Stat. 706.

SEC. 7. Section 20-334 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to the order of preference of persons entitled to administer estates) is amended—

(1) by striking out in clause (3) of subsection (a) “the father shall be preferred; and, where there is no father, the mother shall be preferred”, and inserting in lieu thereof “the father or mother shall be preferred”; and

(2) by deleting in such subsection (a), clauses numbered (5), (9), and (10), and redesignating clauses numbered (6), (7), and (8) as (5), (6), and (7), respectively.

Realty sales,
court authority.
79 Stat. 718.

SEC. 8. Section 20-1106 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to the authority of the court regarding sales of realty) is amended—

(1) by inserting in the third sentence immediately after the word “or” the following: “, except where consents have been filed with the court as hereinafter provided,”; and

(2) by adding the following: “Upon a proper showing by the fiduciary of an estate that the personal estate of a decedent is insufficient to meet all of the aforesaid charges and that all or part of the decedent’s real estate must be sold to pay all or part of the said charges, the court may order the sale of all or part of said real estate without reference to the auditor, provided all persons who have an interest in the real estate to be sold shall have filed with the court their consents to the sale thereof. In the event a person having an interest in the said real estate is not sui juris, the court may accept on his behalf the consent of a fiduciary duly appointed for the estate of said person, or may appoint a guardian ad litem who shall have the right to file a consent on behalf of said person”; and

(3) by adding at the end of the section heading, immediately following the word “report”, a semicolon and “sales without reference to the auditor”.

SEC. 9. The item relating to section 20-1106 in the analysis of chapter 11 is amended by inserting immediately before the period at the end of the word “report”, a semicolon and “sales without reference to the auditor”.

Guardian ad
litem.

SEC. 10. Section 18-511 of the District of Columbia Code (relating to the appointment of a guardian ad litem) is amended by striking out “shall” and inserting in lieu thereof “may”.

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