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[CHAPTER 28.]

AN ACT

March 6, 1935.
[H. R. 3464.]
[Public, No. 19.]

To amend certain sections of the code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901, as amended, relating to descent and distribution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 380 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, title 29, sec. 288), is amended to read as follows:

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"SEC. 380. If there be no child, or descendant, the whole shall go to the father and mother in equal shares, or to the survivor of them."

Distribution; to father, mother.

SEC. 2. Section 384 of such Act, as amended (D. C. Code, title 29, sec. 292), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 384. If there be no collaterals, the grandfathers and grandmothers, or such of them as survive, shall take alike."

To grandfathers, grandmothers.

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SEC. 3. (A) Section 940 of such Act, as amended (D. C. Code, title 25, sec. 231), is amended to read as follows:

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Course of descents generally.

"SEC. 940. COURSE OF DESCENTS GENERALLY.—On the death of any person seized of an estate in fee simple in lands, tenements, or hereditaments in the District of Columbia, and intestate thereof, the same shall descend in fee simple to such person's kindred in the following order, namely:

"First. To his child or children and their descendants, if any, equally.

"Second. If there be no child or descendant of a child, then equally to the father and mother of the intestate, or the whole to the sole surviving parent.

"Third. If there be no father or mother, then to the brothers and sisters of the intestate, and their descendants equally.

"Fourth. If there be no brother or sister, or descendant from a brother or sister, then the whole shall go to the widow or widower of the intestate.

"Fifth. If none such, then one moiety of the estate shall go to the paternal, the other to the maternal kindred of the intestate in the following order:

"Sixth. First to the grandfather and grandmother equally, but if one be dead the entire moiety to the sole surviving grandparent.

"Seventh. If none, then to the uncles and aunts of the intestate, and their descendants equally.

"Eighth. If none such, then to the great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers, in the same manner prescribed for grandfather and grandmother in subdivision 6.

"Ninth. If none, then to the brothers and sisters of the grandfathers and grandmothers, and their descendants equally.

"Tenth. And so on in other cases, without end, passing to the nearest lineal ancestors and the descendants of such ancestors.

"Eleventh. If there be no paternal kindred, the whole shall go to the maternal kindred; and if there be no maternal kindred, the whole shall go to the paternal kindred. If there be neither maternal or paternal kindred, the whole shall go to the kindred of the husband or wife of the intestate in the like course as if such husband or wife had died entitled to the estate; and if the intestate has had more husbands or wives than one, and all have died before such intestate, then the estate shall be equally divided among the kindred of the several husbands or wives in equal degree equally."

(B) Sections 941 to 951, inclusive, of such Act, as amended (D. C. Code, title 25, secs. 232 to 242, inclusive), are hereby repealed.

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Kindred of the whole- and the half-blood.

SEC. 4. Section 954 of such Act, as amended (D. C. Code, title 25, sec. 245), is amended to read as follows:

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"SEC. 954. In no case shall there be any distinction between the

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kindred of the whole- and the half-blood."

SEC. 5. Section 955 of such Act, as amended (D. C. Code, title 25, sec. 246), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 955. Whenever those entitled to share in the estate in fee simple in lands, tenements, or hereditaments in the District of Columbia, of an intestate, are all in the same degree of kindred to the intestate, they shall take per capita or by persons; and, where a part of them are dead and a part living, the issue of those dead shall take per stirpes or by stocks the shares of their deceased parents."

Approved, March 6, 1935.

[CHAPTER 29.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 7, 1935.
[H. J. Res. 94.]
[Pub. Res., No. 7.]

Providing for the participation of the United States in the California Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Diego, California, in 1935 and 1936; authorizing an appropriation therefor; and for other purposes.

California Pacific International Exposition.
Appropriation for.
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Whereas there is to be held at San Diego, California, beginning in May 1935, the California Pacific International Exposition for the purpose of inspiring national confidence and a higher appreciation of American institutions, stimulating business and industry, assisting the Government in bringing a more abundant life to its people, creating understanding among nations, and in commemoration of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Pacific Southwest by Francisco Vasquez De Coronado; and

Whereas said exposition is worthy and deserving of the support and encouragement of the Government of the United States of America: Therefore, be it

Foreign nations; participation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and respectfully requested by proclamation or in such manner as he may deem proper to invite all foreign countries and nations to such proposed exposition with a request that they participate therein.

Commission created.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a commission to be known as "The California Pacific International Exposition Commission"

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and to be composed of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce; which Commission shall serve without additional compensation and shall represent the United States in connection with the holding of an international exposition known as "The California Pacific International Exposition" in San Diego, California, in the year 1935, and continuing into the year 1936.

Appointment of Federal Commissioner.

SEC. 3. There is hereby created a Federal commissioner for the California Pacific International Exposition, such commissioner to be appointed by the President upon the nomination of the Secretary of Agriculture, who shall select for this purpose an official of his

Qualifications; expenses.

Department who has had experience in, and is familiar with, the preparation and management of exhibitions, and who will serve in this capacity without additional salary. That the expenses of the Federal commissioner and such staff as he may require will be met out of the funds provided for the purposes of the Government participation in the exposition.