ship which results in a distribution of property different from that here provided.

ACT NOT RETROACTIVE

SEC. 7. This Act shall not apply to the distribution of the property of a person who has died before it takes effect.

UNIFORMITY OF INTERPRETATION

SEC. 8. This Act shall be so construed and interpreted as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law in those States which enact it.

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 9. This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Uniform Simultaneous Death Act".

REPEAL

SEC. 10. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY

SEC. 11. If any of the provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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AN ACT

To provide for the transfer of the Civil Service Commission Building in the District of Columbia to the Smithsonian Institution to house certain art collections of the Smithsonian Institution.

Civil Service Commission Building.
Transfer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Administrator of General Services shall transfer the Civil Service Commission Building (formerly known as the Patent Office Building), and the site thereof located between Seventh and Ninth Streets and F and G Streets Northwest in the District of Columbia, to the Smithsonian Institution without reimbursement, for the use of certain art galleries of the Smithsonian Institution.

(b) The transfer provided for by subsection (a) shall be made at such time as the Administrator of General Services determines that the use of the building by the Federal Government for office purposes is no longer essential.

(c) The Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Smithsonian Institution, is authorized to enter into such contracts and take such other action as may be necessary to make it suitable to house certain art galleries of the Smithsonian Institution upon transfer of funds available to the Smithsonian Institution for such purposes.

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