

weight fees which result in an amount less than even dollars the fee shall be carried to the next full dollar if fifty cents or over and shall be reduced to the next full dollar if forty-nine cents or under.

This section shall become effective July 1, 1967.

Passed the House March 9, 1967.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 175.

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 118.]

PROBATE—SMALL ESTATES—SETTLEMENT.

AN ACT relating to the settlement of small estates of personal property of deceased persons; adding a new chapter to chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and to Title 11 RCW; and declaring an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. There is added to chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and to Title 11 RCW a new chapter to read as set forth in sections 2 through 3 of this 1967 amendatory act. New chapter.

Sec. 2. (1) If not less than thirty days after the death of an individual entitled at the time of death to a monthly benefit or benefits under Title II of the Social Security Act, all or part of the amount of such benefit or benefits, not in excess of one thousand dollars, is paid by the United States to (a) the surviving spouse, (b) one or more of the deceased's children, or descendants of his deceased children, (c) the director of the department of institutions if the decedent was a resident of a state institution at the date of death and liable for the cost of his care in an amount at least as large as the amount of such Probate—
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benefits, (d) the deceased's father or mother, or (e) the deceased's brother or sister, preference being given in the order named if more than one request for payment shall have been made by or for such individuals, such payment shall be deemed to be a payment to the legal representative of the decedent and shall constitute a full discharge and release from any further claim for such payment to the same extent as if such payment had been made to an executor or administrator of the decedent's estate.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) hereof shall apply only if an affidavit has been made and filed with the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by the surviving spouse or other relative by whom or on whose behalf request for payment is made and such affidavit shows (a) the date of death of the deceased, (b) the relationship of the affiant to the deceased, (c) that no executor or administrator for the deceased has qualified or been appointed, nor to the affiant's knowledge is administration of the deceased's estate contemplated, and (d) that, to the affiant's knowledge, there exists at the time of the filing of such affidavit, no relative of a closer degree of kindred to the deceased than the affiant: *Provided*, That the affidavit filed by the director of the department of institutions shall meet the requirements of parts (a) and (c) of this subsection and, in addition, show that the decedent left no known surviving spouse or children and died while a resident of a state institution at the date of death and liable for the cost of his care in an amount at least as large as the amount of such benefits.

Effective date.

Sec. 3. This 1967 amendatory act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of July, 1967, in conformity with the terms and provisions of

section 11.99.010, chapter 145, Laws of 1965 and RCW 11.99.010.

Passed the House March 8, 1967.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.

CHAPTER 176.

[House Bill No. 535.]

CORPORATIONS—DIRECTORS—ACTIONS WITHOUT MEETINGS.

AN ACT relating to business corporations; providing for certain actions by the board of directors or committee to be taken without a meeting; and adding a new section to chapter 53, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 23A.08 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. There is added to chapter 53, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 23A.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Unless otherwise provided by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, any action required by this title to be taken at a meeting of the directors of a corporation, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the directors or of a committee, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so to be taken, shall be signed before such action by all of the directors, or all of the members of the committee, as the case may be. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote.

Passed the House February 22, 1967.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.