

tion of the estate in respect to which the Court may believe legal services proper, and in addition to include commissions, which shall be at the discretion of the Court not under two per cent nor exceeding ten per cent on the first Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) of the estate, and on the balance of the estate not more than two per cent; third, the widow's allowance as in this article directed to be paid; fourth, all taxes due by his decedent; fifth, charges for medical attendance, including nursing attendance in last illness, to be allowed at the discretion of the Court according to the conditions and circumstances of the deceased, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) of which shall be paid to the physician or physicians furnishing said medical attendance and not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) of which shall be paid to the nurse or nurses furnishing said nursing attendance; sixth, the allowance for things lost or which have perished without the party's fault, which allowance shall be according to the appraisement; seventh, debts of the deceased proved or passed in the following order, (a) claims for rent in arrears against deceased persons, for which a distress might be levied by law, but not for a period of more than three months; (b) claims for wages, salaries or commissions to clerks, servants, salesmen or employees contracted not more than three months prior to decedent's death, and claims founded on judgments and decrees, (c) all other just claims. If there be not sufficient to discharge all such judgments and decrees, a proportionate dividend shall be made between the judgment and decree creditors.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 19

(House Bill 79)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Department of Legislative Reference", said section to be known as Section 100A, and to follow immediately after Section 100 of said Article, relating to treatment of the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference for retirement purposes.