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SIMULTANEOUS DEATH

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§ 1101. Short title

This chapter may be cited as the "Uniform Simultaneous Death Act."

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 29.

§ 1102. No sufficient evidence of survivorship

Where the title to property or the devolution thereof depends upon priority of death and there is no sufficient evidence that the persons died otherwise than simultaneously, the property of each person shall be disposed of as if he were the survivor, except as provided otherwise in this chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 22.

§ 1103. Two or more decedents, beneficiaries under another person's will

Where a testamentary disposition of property depends upon the priority of death of the designated beneficiaries and there is no sufficient evidence that these beneficiaries died otherwise than simultaneously, the property thus disposed of shall be divided into as many equal portions as there are designated beneficiaries and these portions shall be distributed respectively to those who would take in the event that each designated beneficiary were the survivor.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 23.

§ 1104. Decedents joint tenants

Where there is no sufficient evidence that 2 joint tenants died otherwise than simultaneously, the property so held shall be distributed $\frac{1}{2}$ as if one had survived and $\frac{1}{2}$ as if the other had survived. If there are more than 2 joint tenants and all of them have so died the property thus distributed shall be in the proportion that one bears to the whole number of joint tenants.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 24.

§ 1105. Insured presumed to survive

Where the decedents are the insured and the beneficiary respectively in policies of life or accident insurance and there is no sufficient evidence that they died otherwise than simultaneously, the proceeds of each policy shall be distributed as if the person whose life was insured therein survived.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 25.

§ 1106. Not retroactive

This chapter shall not apply to the distribution of the property of any person dying before July 26, 1941, nor to the distribution of the proceeds of any policy of life or accident insurance the effective date of which is prior to that date.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 26.

§ 1107. Not to apply if decedent provides otherwise

This chapter shall not apply in the case of wills, deeds or contracts of insurance wherein provision has been made for distribution different from the provisions of said chapter.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 27.

§ 1108. Uniformity of interpretation

This chapter shall be so construed and interpreted as to effectuate their general purpose to make uniform the law in those states which enact them.

R.S.1954, c. 170, § 28.