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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Chapter 114.

CHAP. 114.

AN ACT in relation to insurances on lives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Whenever upon the death of any person who shall leave a widow and issue, or either, upon whose decease any sum or sums of money shall become due, on account of any insurance on his life, obtained and effected by said deceased person, such sum of money, which is over and above the amount of premium paid by said deceased, for such insurance, together with interest on said premium from the time paid, to the decease of said insured, provided said premium shall have been paid within three years previous to said decease, shall not make any part of the estate of the deceased to be applied to the payment of the debts of the deceased, on settlement of his estate, or any of the purposes named in the first section of chapter one hundred and nine of the revised statutes, but the same shall be distributed, if the deceased died intestate, without diminution as provided in the sections following.

Application of the proceeds of insurance on lives.

SECT. 2. If the intestate leave a widow and issue, the widow shall be entitled to one third part of said sum, and the issue the remainder ; and if more than one child, then such issue to share equally said remainder.

How divided among the heirs.

SECT. 3. If the intestate leave no issue, then the widow shall be entitled to the whole sum as aforesaid. And if no widow, then the whole of said sum shall belong to the issue equally, provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent such person from providing, by will, for the distribution of such sum, among his widow and issue, or either of them, in any other proportion, but such testamentary disposition shall be carried into full effect notwithstanding the insolvency of the estate.

Same subject.

May be appropriated by will.

[Approved March 21, 1844.]

Chapter 115.

AN ACT relating to bankrupt defendants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

When an action shall have been brought against any person, in any court of this state, if he, upon his own application, shall have been declared bankrupt by a decree of the district court of the

Relative to costs, where defendant is declared bankrupt during the pendency of an action.