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Act No 1599 to be read and construed as one hereunder
No. 1419.

An Act to amend the Law by making better provision for the Widows of certain Intestates in the distribution of such Intestates' Property.

[10th February, 1896.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. The estate of every man who shall die intestate after the first day of March One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six leaving a widow but no issue shall in all cases where the net value of such estate shall not exceed One thousand pounds belong to his widow absolutely and exclusively.

Intestate's estate not exceeding £1,000 to belong to widow where no issue.

See 53 & 54 Vict. c. 29 s. 1.

2. Where the net value of the estate in the preceding section mentioned shall exceed the sum of One thousand pounds the widow of such intestate shall be entitled to One thousand pounds part thereof absolutely and exclusively and shall have a charge upon the whole of such estate for such One thousand pounds with interest thereon from the date of the death of the intestate at Four per cent. per annum until payment.

Intestate's estate exceeding £1,000 widow to have a charge for £1,000.

Ib. s. 2.

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Above provision to be in addition to share of residue.
See 53 & 54 Vict. c. 29 s. 4.

3. The provision for the widow intended to be made by this Act shall be in addition and without prejudice to her interest and share in the residue of the estate of such intestate remaining after payment of the sum of One thousand pounds in the same way as if such residue had been the whole of such intestate's estate and this Act had not been passed.

How personalty to be valued.
Ib. s. 6.

4. The net value of such estate as aforesaid shall be ascertained by deducting from the gross value thereof all debts funeral and testamentary expenses of the intestate and all other lawful liabilities and charges to which the said estate shall be subject.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the *Intestates' Estates Act 1896.*

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