

ACT 19

S. B. NO. 1413-72

A Bill for an Act Relating to Priority in the Appointment of Administrators of Decedents' Estates.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 531-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 531-13 Appointment of administrators, priority. In the appointment of administrators upon the property of deceased persons, the following order of priority shall be observed:

- (1) The husband of a deceased wife;
- (2) The wife of a deceased husband;
- (3) The children being major;
- (4) The parent of a deceased child, whether major or minor;
- (5) The brothers and sisters of the deceased;
- (6) The cousins germane of the deceased;
- (7) Any bona fide creditor applying for administration;

Provided, the judge may for satisfactory cause disregard the order of priority. If neither the surviving spouse nor any child being major wish to accept appointment as administrator, the surviving spouse or child may nominate another to act as administrator, and the person nominated may be appointed by the judge without regard to the order of priority set forth herein.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 1, 1972.)

*Edited accordingly.