

SIGNED this 10th day of November, 1975.

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SIAKA STEVENS,  
*President.*

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No. 16



1975

Sierra Leone

**The Administration of Estates (Amendment)  
Act, 1975**

Short title.

[13th November, 1975]

Date of  
Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in  
~~this~~ present Parliament assembled as follows:—

1. Subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 43 of the Admini-  
stration of Estates Act are hereby repealed and replaced by the  
following new subsections—

Repeal and  
replacement  
of section 43  
(2), (3) and  
(4) of Cap.  
45.

"Adminis-  
trator and  
Registrar-  
General to  
ascertain  
customary  
law.

(2) Where the Administrator and Registrar-General administers any such estate he shall request the District Officer of the area, or the Paramount Chief of the Chiefdom concerned, or the Tribal Headman of the tribe to which the deceased belonged to ascertain from the Local Court or from members of the tribe, as the case may be, the names of the persons entitled to the balance of the estate and on such names being certified to him by the District Officer, or the Paramount Chief of the Chiefdom concerned or the Tribal Headman, as the case may be, shall pay such balance of the estate to the persons so named.

(3) Where the District Officer, or the Paramount Chief of the Chiefdom concerned or Tribal Headman certifies that there are no known persons entitled under customary law to the balance of the estate and there appears to be any person or persons who were dependent on the deceased or who would have been entitled had the deceased been a non-native, the Minister may direct the Administrator and Registrar-General to pay the balance of the estate to such person or persons in such proportions as he may think equitable.

(4) The receipt of the persons certified by the District Officer or the Paramount Chief of the Chiefdom concerned or the Tribal Headman or of the persons to whom the Minister directs that payment shall be made, as the case may be, shall be a valid and effectual discharge in favour of the Administrator and Registrar-General against all persons whatsoever, in respect of the balance of the estate so paid over."

Passed in Parliament this 30th day of September in the year of our  
d one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

M. MUNU,  
*Clerk of Parliament.*

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the  
which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly  
ted copy of the said Bill.

M. MUNU,  
*Clerk of Parliament.*