

635.1 When applicable.

1. When the gross value of the probate and nonprobate property of a decedent subject to the jurisdiction of this state does not exceed fifty thousand dollars in property subject to taxation under section 450.3, upon the petition of the spouse or a child of the decedent, the clerk shall issue to a resident of the state of Iowa designated by the petitioner letters of appointment of executor or administrator for administration of a small estate if either of the following occurs:

- a.* The decedent dies intestate and is survived by a spouse, or children, or both.
- b.* The decedent leaves a last will and testament and the only beneficiaries are a spouse, or children, or both.

2. When the gross value of the probate and nonprobate property of a decedent subject to the jurisdiction of this state does not exceed fifteen thousand dollars in property subject to taxation under section 450.3, upon the petition of a parent or grandchild of the decedent the clerk shall issue to a resident of the state of Iowa designated by the petitioner, letters of appointment as executor or administrator for administration of a small estate if either of the following occurs:

- a.* The decedent dies intestate without a surviving spouse or children but with a surviving parent or parents or surviving grandchild or grandchildren.
- b.* The decedent dies without a surviving spouse or children and leaves a last will and testament and the only beneficiaries are a surviving parent or parents or surviving grandchild or grandchildren.

3. When the entire estate of the decedent does not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars after deducting the debts, as defined in chapter 450, upon the petition of a person related within the fourth degree of consanguinity to the decedent, the clerk shall issue to a resident of the state of Iowa designated by the petitioner, letters of appointment as executor or administrator for administration of a small estate if either of the following occurs:

- a.* The decedent dies intestate without a surviving spouse, issue, or parent, but with heirs that are all within the fourth degree of consanguinity.
- b.* The decedent dies without a surviving spouse, issue, or parent, and leaves a last will and testament and the only beneficiaries are surviving persons related to the decedent within the fourth degree of consanguinity.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, § 635.1; 81 Acts, ch 199, § 1; 82 Acts, ch 1204, § 14]

89 Acts, ch 25, §1