

testator or is signed by testator, and if it describes the items and distributees with reasonable certainty, the personal representative shall distribute the described items of tangible personal property to the distributees entitled to them. The writing may be referred to as one to be in existence at the time of the testator's death. The writing may be prepared before or after the execution of the will. The writing may be altered, added to, or changed in any respect by the testator after its preparation, and it may be a writing which has no significance apart from its effect upon the dispositions made by the will. Property passing by the writing shall be considered as property passing as a specific bequest under will.

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CHAPTER 196  
ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITATION  
S. F. 515

AN ACT relating to a limitation on the time period for the filing of estates.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 633.331, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

633.331 LIMITATION OF ADMINISTRATION. ~~Probate--of--a--will,--original~~  
~~administration~~ Administration of an ~~intestate estate, testate or intestate,~~  
domiciliary or ancillary administration-of-an-estate, shall not be granted  
after five years from the death of the decedent, whether ~~he-die~~ the decedent  
died within or without this state, unless a petition ~~therefor~~ for  
administration is filed prior to the expiration of the five-year period.  
~~Provided,--however,--that~~ However, ~~the limitation-herein-provided-shall-not~~  
~~apply-to-the-probate-of-a-will-of-a-decedent-who-died--prior--to--January--1,~~  
1964 will of a decedent may be admitted after the expiration of the five-year  
period as documentary evidence of title only.

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