

PLANNING A WILL

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FOREWORD

Senator James Couzens died in 1936 leaving an estate of 34 million and no will. He had consulted attorneys, found the state would divide his fortune exactly as he wished and intentionally died without a will. But so few property owners ever take the time or trouble even to find out whether or not a will is a better way to help them distribute property after their death.

This brief circular attempts to call attention to the subject of the disposal of property at death of the owner. It should in no way be considered an authority, for laws which now appear on the statute books may be changed by future legislation. It points to the attorney as the source of legal information; consult him. It points out that if a person wishes to have his property at his death go otherwise than as the Kansas statutes would divide it, he needs to have a will drawn.