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Act Nos. 15 of 1927, 16 of 1943 and 11 of 1966.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATES AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

[12th August, 1927]

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as The Royal Estates Act.

2 Tungi title and estates.

- (1) His Majesty King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV may by will or by deed or by any other means confer on and grant to any person (other than the Heir Apparent) the Tungi title and estates.
- (2) The Tungi title and estates when vested in a person by virtue of the last preceding subsection shall become hereditary title and estates except that a person who becomes the Sovereign or the Heir Apparent shall not succeed to, or continue to hold, those title and estates.
- (3) Where a person cannot succeed to, or continue to hold, the Tungi title and estates because he comes within the exception in the last preceding subsection, the Tungi title and estates shall revert to the Crown and the Crown shall deal with them as if the last preceding holder of the Tungi title and estates had died without leaving an heir. (*Substituted by Act 11 of 1966.*)

3 Tu'ipelehake.

The trustee of the noble Tu'ipelehake (Crown Prince) shall surrender the estates appurtenant to the title of Tu'ipelehake to the Crown and upon such surrender being notified in writing to Her Majesty Queen Salote Tupou, Her Majesty may appoint Prince John to be Tu'ipelehake and to hold the estates appurtenant to the title as his hereditary estates.

4 Tupouto'a.

The estates appurtenant to the title of Tupouto'a shall from henceforth be designated the estates of the Heir Apparent and shall be held by the Heir Apparent until he ceases to be Heir Apparent whereupon such estates shall pass to the person who becomes Heir Apparent and where the Heir Apparent is a minor the Sovereign shall appoint one or more trustees to manage such estates during the minority and if at any time there is no person capable of holding the same as Heir Apparent the estates shall be held by the Sovereign until such time as some person becomes entitled as Heir Apparent to hold such estates when such estates shall pass to such person.