



Family Law Reform Act 1969

1969 CHAPTER 46

PART I

REDUCTION OF AGE OF MAJORITY AND RELATED PROVISIONS

3 Provisions relating to wills and intestacy

- (1) In the following enactments, that is to say—
 - (a) section 7 of the Wills Act 1837 (invalidity of wills made by persons under 21);
 - (b) sections 1 and 3(1) of the Wills (Soldiers and Sailors) Act 1918 (soldier etc. eligible to make will and dispose of real property although under 21),in their application to wills made after the coming into force of this section, for the words " twenty-one years " there shall be substituted the words " eighteen years ".
- (2) In section 47(1)(i) of the Administration of Estates Act 1925 (statutory trusts on intestacy), in its application to the estate of an intestate dying after the coming into force of this section, for the words " twenty-one years " in both places where they occur there shall be substituted the words " eighteen years ".
- (3) Any will which—
 - (a) has been made, whether before or after the coming into force of this section, by a person under the age of eighteen; and
 - (b) is valid by virtue of the provisions of section 11 of the said Act of 1837 and the said Act of 1918,may be revoked by that person notwithstanding that he is still under that age whether or not the circumstances are then such that he would be entitled to make a valid will under those provisions.
- (4) In this section " will " has the same meaning as in the said Act of 1837 and " intestate " has the same meaning as in the said Act of 1925.