
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 2

Marriage: Same-sex Couples

Parties being of the same sex no longer to be a ground on which a marriage is void

5.—(1) In Article 13(1) of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978⁽¹⁾ (grounds on which a marriage is void), omit sub-paragraph (e) (parties not respectively male and female).

(2) In section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018⁽²⁾, omit paragraph (b) (guidance connected to Article 13(1)(e) of the 1978 Order) and the preceding “and”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 5 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(1) S.I. 1978/1045 (N.I. 15).
(2) 2018 c.28.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 5.