



# Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955

## 1955 CHAPTER 24

### PART I

#### ASSIMILATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE FOR PURPOSES OF DEVOLUTION ON DEATH AND OF DESCENT ON INTESTACY

#### **5 Construction of references to heirs.**

- (1) The word “heir” or “heirs” used as a word of limitation in any enactment, deed or instrument passed or executed either before or after the commencement of this Act, shall have the same effect as if this Act had not passed.
- (2) The word “heir” or “heirs” used as a word of purchase in any enactment, deed or instrument passed or executed after the commencement of this Act, shall bear the same meaning as if this Act had not passed.
- (3) The word “heir” or “heirs” used as a word of purchase in any enactment, deed or instrument passed or executed after the commencement of this Act shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed to mean the person or persons, other than a creditor, who would be beneficially entitled under Part II to the estate of the ancestor if the ancestor had died intestate.
- (4) Subject as aforesaid, references in this Act and in any enactment, deed or instrument passed or executed either before or after the commencement of this Act to the heirs of any person, shall be construed as including references to his personal representatives.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955, Section 5.