



# Family Law Reform Act 1969

## 1969 CHAPTER 46

### PART IV

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

**26 Rebuttal of presumption as to legitimacy and illegitimacy.**

Any presumption of law as to the legitimacy or illegitimacy of any person may in any civil proceedings be rebutted by evidence which shows that it is more probable than not that that person is illegitimate or legitimate, as the case may be, and it shall not be necessary to prove that fact beyond reasonable doubt in order to rebut the presumption.

**27** ..... <sup>F1</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 27 repealed by [Family Law Reform Act 1987 \(c. 42, SIF 49:7\)](#), s. 33(2)(4), [Sch. 4](#)

**28 Short title, interpretation, commencement and extent.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Family Law Reform Act 1969.
- (2) Except where the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, extended or applied by or under any other enactment, including this Act.
- (3) This Act shall come into force on such date as the Lord Chancellor may appoint by order made by statutory instrument, and different dates may be appointed for the coming into force of different provisions.
- (4) In this Act—
  - (a) ..... <sup>F2</sup>

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- (b) section 2, so far as it amends any provision of . . . <sup>F3</sup> the <sup>M1</sup>Marriage with Foreigners Act 1906, has the same extent as that provision;
  - (c) sections . . . <sup>F4</sup> 6(7), so far as they affect Part II of the <sup>M2</sup>Maintenance Orders Act 1950, extend to Scotland and Northern Ireland;
  - <sup>F5</sup>(d) . . . . .
  - (e) section 11, so far as it relates to the <sup>M3</sup>Employers and Workmen Act 1875, extends to Scotland;
  - (f) . . . . . <sup>F6</sup>
  - (g) section 19 extends to Scotland;
- but, save as aforesaid, this Act shall extend to England and Wales only.

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**Subordinate Legislation Made**

**P1** S. 28(3): power exercised by [S.I. 1969/1140](#) and 1971/1857

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**Textual Amendments**

- F2** S. 28(4)(a) repealed by [British Nationality Act 1981](#) (c. 61, SIF 87), s. 53(2), **Sch. 9**
- F3** Words repealed by [Foreign Marriage \(Amendment\) Act 1988](#) (c. 44, SIF 49:1), s. 7(2), **Sch.**
- F4** Words repealed by [Guardianship of Minors Act 1971](#) (c. 3), **Sch. 2**
- F5** [S. 28\(4\)\(d\)](#) omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [Sovereign Grant Act 2011](#) (c. 15), s. 15(1), **Sch. 1 para. 21**
- F6** S. 28(4)(f) repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973](#) (c. 36), s. 41(1), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1906 c. 40.
- M2** 1950 c. 37.
- M3** 1875 c. 90.

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