
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 1899

The Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

PART II

WILLS

Gifts

Words of limitation unnecessary

18.—(1) A devise of land passes the fee simple absolute in possession or other the whole estate that the testator had power to dispose of by will.

(2) A devise creating an estate of any kind in land passes the largest estate of that kind which the testator had power to create in the land.

(3) This Article applies whether the devisee takes beneficially or on trust and is subject to any contrary intention which appears from the will.

Changes to legislation:

The Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994, Section 18 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Order modified by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)](#)