



Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 22

PART II

AMENDMENTS OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS ACTS 1971 AND 1973

Amendment of provisions relating to the custody of minors

37 Further provisions relating to orders for custody

In the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 the following section shall be inserted after section 11—

“11A Further provisions relating to orders for custody.

- (1) An order shall not be made under section 9(1), 10(1)(a) or 11(a) of this Act, giving the legal custody of a child to more than one person ; but where the court makes an order under one of those sections giving the legal custody of a minor to any person, it may order that a parent of the minor who is not given the legal custody of the minor shall retain all or such as the court may specify of the parental rights and duties comprised in legal custody (other than the right to the actual custody of the minor) and shall have those rights and duties jointly with the person who is given the legal custody of the minor.
- (2) Where the court makes an order under section 9(1), 10(1)(a) or 11(a) of this Act the court may direct that the order, or such provision thereof as the court may specify, shall not have effect until the occurrence of an event specified by the court or the expiration of a period so specified; and where the court has directed that the order or any provision thereof shall not have effect until the expiration of a specified period, the court may, at any time before the expiration of that period, direct that the order, or that provision thereof, shall not have effect until the expiration of such further period as the court may specify.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) Any order made in respect of a minor under section 9(1), 10(1)(a) or 11(a) of this Act shall cease to have effect when the minor attains the age of eighteen.”.