



# Family Law Reform Act 1987

## 1987 CHAPTER 42

### PART IV **E+W**

#### DETERMINATION OF RELATIONSHIPS

#### 22 **Declarations of parentage. **E+W****

For section 56 of the <sup>M1</sup>Family Law Act 1986 (declarations of legitimacy or legitimation) there shall be substituted the following section—

**“56 Declarations of parentage, legitimacy or legitimation.**

- (1) Any person may apply to the court for a declaration—
  - (a) that a person named in the application is or was his parent; or
  - (b) that he is the legitimate child of his parents.
- (2) Any person may apply to the court for one (or for one or, in the alternative, the other) of the following declarations, that is to say—
  - (a) a declaration that he has become a legitimated person;
  - (b) a declaration that he has not become a legitimated person.
- (3) A court shall have jurisdiction to entertain an application under this section if, and only if, the applicant—
  - (a) is domiciled in England and Wales on the date of the application; or
  - (b) has been habitually resident in England and Wales throughout the period of one year ending with that date.
- (4) Where a declaration is made on an application under subsection (1) above, the prescribed officer of the court shall notify the Registrar General, in such a manner and within such period as may be prescribed, of the making of that declaration.
- (5) In this section “legitimated person” means a person legitimated or recognised as legitimated—

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- (a) under section 2 or 3 of the Legitimacy Act 1976;
- (b) under section 1 or 8 of the Legitimacy Act 1926; or
- (c) by a legitimation (whether or not by virtue of the subsequent marriage of his parents) recognised by the law of England and Wales and effected under the law of another country.”

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