

*These notes refer to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33)
which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004*

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 – Civil Partnership: England and Wales

Introduction

Chapter 1 – Registration

Section 4: Parental etc. consent where proposed civil partner under 18

22. This section sets out the provisions requiring consent where a person wishing to form a civil partnership is under 18 years of age. Part 1 of Schedule 2 identifies the appropriate person or persons who may give consent. *Subsection (3)* provides an exception to the requirement of consent where a civil partner has been bereaved and wishes to form a subsequent civil partnership before he or she is 18. For the purposes of Part 2 of the Act, *subsection (5)* defines “child” as a person who is under 18 (except where the term is used to express a relationship).