



Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955

CHAPTER 24

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955

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— PART I REP. BY 1989 NI 19

PART II — ORDER OF APPLICATION OF ASSETS WHERE THE ESTATE IS SOLVENT

- 1 Property of the deceased person undisposed of by will, subject to the retention thereof of...
- 2 Property of the deceased person not specifically devised or bequeathed but included (either by a...
- 3 Property of the deceased person specifically appropriated or devised or bequeathed (either by a specific...

- 4 Property of the deceased person charged with, or devised or bequeathed (either by a specific...
- 5 The fund, if any, retained to meet pecuniary legacies.
- 6 Property specifically devised or bequeathed, rateably according to value.
- 7 Property appointed by will under a general power, rateably according to value.
- 8 The following provisions shall also apply— (a) The order of application may be varied by...

— Second Schedule—Amendments

— Third Schedule rep. by SLR 1973

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955.