



2016 CHAPTER 18

PART 14

MISCELLANEOUS

Matters excluded from Act

Family relationships etc

285.—(1) Nothing in this Act permits a decision on any of the following matters to be made on behalf of a person—

- (a) consenting to marriage or a civil partnership;
- (b) consenting to have sexual relations;
- (c) consenting to a decree of divorce or judicial separation being granted on the basis of two years' separation;
- (d) consenting to a dissolution order or separation order being made in relation to a civil partnership on the basis of two years' separation;
- (e) agreeing for any purposes of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 to the making of an adoption order;
- (f) discharging parental responsibilities in matters not relating to a child's property;
- (g) giving a consent under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990;
- (h) giving a consent under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008.

(2) In subsection (1)(e) “adoption order” means—

- (a) an order under Article 12(1) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987; or

- (b) any other order referred to by the definition of “adoption order” in Article 2(2) of that Order.

Voting rights

286.—(1) Nothing in this Act permits a decision on voting at an election for any public office, or at a referendum, to be made on behalf of a person.

(2) In this section “referendum” means a referendum or other poll held, in pursuance of any statutory provision, on one or more questions or propositions specified in or in accordance with any such provision.