



2022 CHAPTER 18

PART 1

Adoption

CHAPTER 4

Status of adopted children

Dispositions depending on date of birth

69.—(1) Where a disposition depends on the date of birth of a person who was born illegitimate and who is adopted by one of the natural parents as sole adoptive parent, section 68(2) does not affect entitlement by virtue of Part 2 of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 or Article 22 of the Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (dispositions of property).

(2) Subsection (1) applies for example where—

- (a) a testator (“T”) dies in 2017 bequeathing a legacy to T’s eldest grandchild living at a specified time;
- (b) T’s unmarried daughter has a child in 2018 who is the first grandchild;
- (c) T’s married son has a child in 2019;
- (d) subsequently T’s unmarried daughter adopts her child as sole adoptive parent.

In that example the status of the daughter’s child as T’s eldest grandchild is not affected by the events described in paragraph (c) and (d).