
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 1899

**The Wills and Administration Proceedings
(Northern Ireland) Order 1994**

PART II

WILLS

Gifts

Will speaks from death

17.—(1) Every will is to be construed, with reference to the property referred to in it, to speak and take effect as if it had been executed immediately before the death of the testator, unless a contrary intention appears from the will.

(2) No conveyance or other act, made or done subsequently to the execution of a will, of or relating to any property referred to in the will, prevents the operation of the will with respect to that property to the extent that the testator has power to dispose of that property.

(3) The reference in paragraph (2) to an act does not include an act which revokes the will.

Changes to legislation:

The Wills and Administration Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1994, Section 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Order modified by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)](#)