

ELIZABETH II



1982 CHAPTER 2

An Act to enable Hugh Small and Norma Small to be
married to each other. [27th May 1982]

WHEREAS—

(1) The late Mr. Small was married three times and there were four children of his first marriage of whom three are still living (the youngest being aged 30 years) and of whom Mr. Small is the second child:

(2) There were no issue of the late Mr. Small's second marriage:

(3) Mrs. Small was the late Mr. Small's third wife (he being at the date of their marriage, 12th October 1967, aged 58 years and she being then a spinster aged 24 years):

(4) There were two issue of the marriage of the late Mr. Small and of Mrs. Small and they are still living and aged 12 years and 10 years respectively:

(5) The marriage of the late Mr. Small and of Mrs. Small was extremely happy and ended with the sudden death of the late Mr. Small on 5th January 1981:

(6) Both Mr. Small and Mrs. Small are domiciled, and Mrs. Small is also resident, in England:

1949 c. 76.

(7) Mr. Small and Mrs. Small are now aged 39 years and, after the death of the late Mr. Small, they formed a wish to be married to each other but a marriage between them would be void as falling within section 1(1) of the Marriage Act 1949, in that they stand in the relationship of stepson and stepmother:

(8) Mr. Small and Mrs. Small regard the legal impediment to their marriage as imposing hardship on them, and as serving no useful purpose of public policy, in the particular circumstances of their case:

(9) They accordingly desire that the impediment should be removed in their case:

(10) The object of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

Therefore Mr. Small and Mrs. Small most humbly pray that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Power to marry.

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in any enactment or any rule of law to the contrary, there shall be no impediment to a marriage between Mr. Small and Mrs. Small by reason of their relationship of stepson and stepmother, and no marriage hereafter contracted between them shall be void by reason of that relationship.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act (including the Preamble hereto)—

“the late Mr. Small” means the late Hugh Alan Dugleby Small who was born on 11th May 1909 and died on 5th January 1981;

“Mr. Small” means Hugh Small who was born the son of the late Mr. Small and Christina Mary Small on 25th January 1943;

“Mrs. Small” means Norma Small who was born the daughter of George Richard West and May West on 22nd December 1942.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Hugh Small and Norma Small (Marriage Enabling) Act 1982.

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