



Family Law Reform Act 1969

CHAPTER 46

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1 The Regency Acts 1937 to 1953.

2 The Representation of the People Acts (and any regulations, rules...

3 Any statutory provision relating to income tax (including surtax) capital...

SCHEDULE 3 — Transitional Provisions and Savings

Interpretation

- 1 (1) In this Schedule " the principal section " means...

Funds in court

- 2 Any order or directions in force immediately before the commencement...

Wardship and custody orders

- 3 (1) Any order in force immediately before the commencement date—...

Adoption orders

- 4 The principal section shall not prevent the making of an...

Power of trustees to apply income for maintenance of minor

- 5 (1) The principal section shall not affect section 31 of...

Personal representatives' powers during minority of beneficiary

- 6 The principal section shall not affect the meaning of "minority"...

Accumulation periods

- 7 The change, by virtue of the principal section, in the...

Limitation of actions

- 8 The change, by virtue of the principal section, in the...

Statutory provisions incorporated in deeds, wills, etc.

- 9 The principal section shall not affect the construction of any...