



Adoption Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 36

PART II

ADOPTION ORDERS

Freeing for adoption

[^{F1}21 Variation of section 18 order so as to substitute one adoption agency for another.

- (1) On an application to which this section applies, an authorised court may vary an order under section 18 so as to give parental responsibility for the child to another adoption agency (the substitute agency”) in place of the agency for the time being having parental responsibility for the child under the order (“the existing agency”).
- (2) This section applies to any application made jointly by—
 - (a) the existing agency; and
 - (b) the would-be substitute agency.
- (3) Where an order under section 18 is varied under this section, section 19 shall apply as if the substitute agency had been given responsibility for the child on the making of the order.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 21 substituted (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 88, [Sch. 10 para.9](#) (with [Sch. 14 para. 1\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 1991/828](#), [art. 3\(2\)](#)

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/04/2001. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Adoption Act 1976, Section 21 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 September 2024. 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.