

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 27 April 2022*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1 - Adoption**

#### *Chapter 4 - Status of Adopted Children*

#### *Section 72: Meaning of disposition*

Section 72 defines the terms "disposition" and "power of appointment" for the purposes of Chapter 4. *Subsection (3)* confirms that the provisions of this Chapter apply equally to an oral disposition as to a written one. For the purposes of Chapter 4, *subsection (4)* provides that the date of death of the testator is the date a will or codicil is treated as being made and *subsection (5)* provides that the provisions of the law of intestate succession are to be treated as if they are contained in an instrument that the deceased executed (while of full capacity) immediately before his death.