



# Administration of Justice Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 53

### PART IV

#### WILLS

##### *Registration of wills*

### **23 Deposit and registration of wills of living persons**

- (1) The following, namely—
  - (a) the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice ;
  - (b) the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland ; and
  - (c) the Probate and Matrimonial Office of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland,shall be registering authorities for the purposes of this section.
- (2) Each registering authority shall provide and maintain safe and convenient depositories for the custody of the wills of living persons.
- (3) Any person may deposit his will in such a depository in accordance with regulations under section 25 below and on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (4) It shall be the duty of a registering authority to register in accordance with regulations under section 25 below—
  - (a) any will deposited in a depository maintained by the authority; and
  - (b) any other will whose registration is requested under Article 6 of the Registration Convention.
- (5) A will deposited in a depository provided—
  - (a) under section 172 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 or section 126 of the Supreme Court Act 1981; or
  - (b) under Article 27 of the Administration of Estates (Northern Ireland) Order 1979,

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shall be treated for the purposes of this section as if it had been deposited under this section.

- (6) In this section "prescribed" means—
- (a) in the application of this section to England and Wales, prescribed by an order under section 130 of the Supreme Court Act 1981;
  - (b) in its application to Scotland, prescribed by an order under section 26 below ;  
and
  - (c) in its application to Northern Ireland, prescribed by an order under section 116 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978.