



# Wills Act 1837

## 1837 CHAPTER 26 7 Will 4 and 1 Vict

### [<sup>F1</sup>18C Effect of dissolution or annulment of civil partnership on wills

- (1) This section applies if, after a testator has made a will—
  - (a) a court of civil jurisdiction in England and Wales dissolves his civil partnership or makes a nullity order in respect of it, or
  - (b) his civil partnership is dissolved or annulled and the dissolution or annulment is entitled to recognition in England and Wales by virtue of Chapter 3 of Part 5 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.
- (2) Except in so far as a contrary intention appears by the will—
  - (a) provisions of the will appointing executors or trustees or conferring a power of appointment, if they appoint or confer the power on the former civil partner, take effect as if the former civil partner had died on the date on which the civil partnership is dissolved or annulled, and
  - (b) any property which, or an interest in which, is devised or bequeathed to the former civil partner shall pass as if the former civil partner had died on that date.
- (3) Subsection (2)(b) does not affect any right of the former civil partner to apply for financial provision under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Ss. 18B, 18C inserted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 263(2), [Sch. 4 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2005/3175](#), Sch. 1

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 05/12/2005.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Wills Act 1837, Section 18C.