

THE STATUS OF CHILDREN ACT

Acts
36 of 1976,
6 of 1993
S. 8.

[1st November, 1976.]

Preliminary

1. This Act may be cited as the Status of Children Act. Short title.

2.—(1) In this Act—

Interpreta-
tion.

“child” includes a child born out of wedlock;

“marriage” includes a void marriage;

“Registrar-General” means the Registrar-General under the Registration (Births and Deaths) Act and includes any person for the time being discharging the duties of that office;

“trustee” includes guardians, committees of lunatics, as well as all persons who are trustees within the meaning of the Trustee Act.

(2) For the purposes of sections 11 to 15 inclusive—

“blood samples” means blood taken for the purpose of blood tests;

“blood tests” means blood tests carried out and includes any test made with the object of ascertaining the inheritable characteristics of blood;

“excluded” means excluded subject to the occurrence of mutation.

Status of Children

3.—(1) Subject to subsection (4) and to the provisions of sections 4 and 7, for all the purposes of the law of Jamaica the relationship between every person and his father and mother shall be determined irrespective of

All
children of
equal status.