

THE WILLS ACT

Cap. 414.  
Act  
1 of 1979,  
1st Sch.

[1840.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Wills Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act—

Interpreta-  
tion.

“will” shall extend to a testament and to a codicil, and to an appointment by will or by writing in the nature of a will, in exercise of a power; and also to a disposition by will and testament or devise of the custody and tuition of any child, and to any other testamentary disposition;

“real estate” shall extend to messuages, lands, rents, tenements, and hereditaments, whether freehold or of any other tenure, and whether corporeal, incorporeal, or personal, and to any undivided share thereof, and to any estate right or interest (other than a chattel interest) therein;

“personal estate” shall extend to leasehold estates and other chattels real, and also to moneys, shares of Government and other funds, securities for money (not being real estate), debts, choses in action, rights, credits, goods, and all other property whatsoever which by law devolves upon the executor or administrator, and to any share or interest therein.

3. It shall be lawful for every person to devise, bequeath, or dispose of by his will, executed in manner hereinafter required, all real estate and all personal estate which he shall be entitled to either at law or in equity at the time of his death, and which if not so devised, bequeathed or disposed of, would devolve upon the heir-

What may  
be devised  
or be-  
queathed  
by will.