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CHAPTER C-8.1

An Act respecting Custody of, Access to and Guardianship of
Property of Children, Child Status and Parentage
and Related Matters

(Assented to June 22, 1990)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of
Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

PART I

Short Title and Interpretation

- Short title 1 This Act may be cited as The Children's Law Act.
- Interpretation
"agreement" 2(1) In this Act:
 (a) "agreement" means an agreement with respect to a matter dealt with in this Act
 that is:
 (i) made in writing; and
 (ii) signed by the parties;
- "child" (b) "child" means a person who:
 (i) is under 18 years of age; and
 (ii) has never married;
- "court" (c) "court" means Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan, the
 Unified Family Court for Saskatchewan or a judge of either of those courts sitting
 in chambers;
- "custody" (d) "custody" means personal guardianship of a child and includes care,
 upbringing and any other incident of custody having regard to the child's age and
 maturity;
- "director" (e) "director" means a director appointed pursuant to The Child and Family
 Services Act;
- "father" (f) "father" means the father of a child and includes:
 (i) a man declared to be the father pursuant to section 43 or 44; and
 (ii) a man recognized as the father pursuant to section 50, 51, 55 or 56;
- "guardian of the property of a child"
 (g) "guardian of the property of a child" means the person constituted or appointed
 as a guardian pursuant to section 30;

- "legal custodian"
"mother"
- (h) "legal custodian" means a person having lawful custody of a child;
- (i) "mother" means the mother of a child and includes:
- (i) a woman declared to be the mother pursuant to section 43 or 44; and
 - (ii) a woman recognized as the mother pursuant to section 50, 51, 55 or 56;
- "parent"
- (j) "parent" means:
- (i) the father or mother of a child, whether born within or outside marriage; or
 - (ii) the father or mother of a child by adoption;
- "public trustee"
- (k) "public trustee" means the public trustee established pursuant to The Public Trustee Act;
- "registrar"
- (l) "registrar" means:
- (i) the Registrar or a local registrar of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan;
 - (ii) the registrar of the Unified Family Court for Saskatchewan; or
 - (iii) a deputy of one of the registrars mentioned in subclause (i) or (ii).
- (2) Unless a contrary intention appears in any Act, regulation, instrument or law, a reference to the guardian of a child is deemed to be a reference to the legal custodian of the child.

PART II

Custody and Access

Joint legal custodians

- 3(1) Unless otherwise ordered by the court and subject to subsection (2) and an agreement pursuant to subsection (3), the parents of a child are joint legal custodians of the child with equal rights, powers and duties.
- (2) Where the parents of a child have never cohabited after the birth of the child, the parent with whom the child resides is sole legal custodian of the child.
- (3) The parents of a child may enter into an agreement that may:
- (a) vary their status as joint legal custodians of the child;
 - (b) specify the rights, powers and duties of each parent with respect to the child;
 - (c) provide for access to the child by either parent or any other person;

(d) authorize one of the parents to appoint, by written instrument, one or more other persons as legal custodian of the child and guardian of the property of the child for:

- (i) any time specified in the instrument during the child's minority; or
 - (ii) the duration of the child's minority; and
- (e) provide for the custody of the child and guardianship of the property of the child after the death of either parent.

Disposition of custody

- 4(1) Subject to subsection (3), if a parent is deceased, the surviving parent of a child:
- (a) is the legal custodian of that child; and
 - (b) may appoint one or more persons as legal custodian of the child to take effect on the surviving parent's death.
- (2) An appointment pursuant to clause (1)(b) may be made:
- (a) if the parent is under the age prescribed in The Wills Act to make a valid will, by deed; or
 - (b) if the parent is of the age prescribed in The Wills Act to make a valid will, by will.
- (3) Where the parents of a child have entered into an agreement pursuant to clause 3(3)(d) or an order has been made by the court pursuant to subsection 6(2), the parent of the child authorized to do so by the order or agreement may appoint a person to have custody of the child on that parent's death.
- (4) The appointment of a legal custodian pursuant to subsection (3) takes precedence over any right of the surviving parent pursuant to subsection (1).

Declaratory order

- 5(1) A person who is appointed as a legal custodian pursuant to section 4 may apply to the court for an order confirming his or her entitlement to custody of the child.
- (2) The person making an application pursuant to this section shall serve notice of the application on all persons whom the court directs to be served.

Custody or access application

- 6(1) Notwithstanding sections 3 to 5, on the application of a parent or other person having, in the opinion of the court, a sufficient interest, the court may, by order:
- (a) grant custody of or access to a child to one or more persons;
 - (b) determine any aspect of the incidents of the right to custody or access; and

- (c) make any additional order that the court considers necessary and proper in the circumstances.
- (2) Where the court grants custody of a child to a parent pursuant to subsection (1), the court, where in the opinion of the court it would be in the best interests of the child to do so, by order, may authorize the parent to appoint a person:
 - (a) to have custody of the child on the parent's death;
 - (b) to be the guardian of the property of the child on the parent's death; or
 - (c) to have both of the duties mentioned in clauses (a) and (b).
- (3) On an application and prior to making an order pursuant to subsection (1), the court may make or vary an interim order on any terms and conditions it considers appropriate.
- (4) On application, the court may vary or discharge any order made pursuant to this section where there has been a material change in circumstances since the date of the order.
- (5) When making an order pursuant to subsection (1), the court shall:
 - (a) give effect to the principle that a child should have as much contact with each parent as is consistent with the best interests of the child and, for that purpose, shall take into consideration the willingness of the person seeking custody to facilitate that contact; and
 - (b) include in the order a condition requiring any person who has custody of a child and who intends to change the place of residence of that child to notify:
 - (i) at least 30 days before the change; or
 - (ii) within any other period before the change that the court may specify;any person who is granted access to that child or any other person who has custody of that child of:
 - (iii) the change;
 - (iv) the time at which the change will be made; and
 - (v) the new place of residence of the child.
- (6) When making an order pursuant to this section, the court may provide for:
 - (a) the division and sharing of parental responsibilities; and
 - (b) the granting of access;in the manner and on the conditions that the court considers appropriate.

Notice of application

7(1) A person who makes an application pursuant to this Act shall serve a copy of the application on each parent of the child who is not an applicant.

(2) The court may order that notice of the application be served on any person having an interest in the custody, care and upbringing of the child, and that person may be heard at the hearing of the application.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the court may allow an application for an interim order to be made ex parte.

Conditions for custody order

8 In making, varying or rescinding an order for custody of a child, the court shall:

(a) have regard only for the best interests of the child and for that purpose shall take into account:

(i) the quality of the relationship that the child has with the person who is seeking custody and any other person who may have a close connection with the child;

(ii) the personality, character and emotional needs of the child;

(iii) the physical, psychological, social and economic needs of the child;

(iv) the capacity of the person who is seeking custody to act as legal custodian of the child;

(v) the home environment proposed to be provided for the child;

(vi) the plans that the person who is seeking custody has for the future of the child; and

(vii) the wishes of the child, to the extent the court considers appropriate, having regard to the age and maturity of the child;

(b) not take into consideration the past conduct of any person unless the conduct is relevant to the ability of that person to act as a parent of a child; and

(c) make no presumption and draw no inference as between parents that one parent should be preferred over the other on the basis of the person's status as a father or mother.

Conditions for access order

9(1) In making, varying or rescinding an order for access to a child, the court shall:

(a) have regard only for the best interests of the child and for that purpose shall take into account:

(i) the quality of the relationship that the child has with the person who is seeking access;

- (ii) the personality, character and emotional needs of the child;
 - (iii) the capacity of the person who is seeking access to care for the child during the times that the child is in his or her care; and
 - (iv) the wishes of the child, to the extent the court considers appropriate, having regard to the age and maturity of the child; and
- (b) not take into consideration the past conduct of any person unless the conduct is relevant to the ability of that person to care for the child during the times that the child is in his or her care.

(2) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a parent who is granted access to a child has the same right as the custodial parent to make inquiries and be given information concerning the health, education and welfare of the child.

(3) The right of a parent who is granted access described in subsection (2) is not, unless the court orders otherwise, a right to be consulted about or to participate in the making of decisions by the custodial parent.

Mediation

10(1) On an application by an applicant or respondent pursuant to this Part or Part III or IV, the court, by order, may appoint a person to mediate a matter that:

- (a) is dealt with in the application; and
- (b) is at issue between the parties.

(2) No person shall be appointed as a mediator without that person's consent.

(3) Evidence:

- (a) arising from anything said;
- (b) of anything said; or
- (c) of an admission or communication made in the course of the mediation;

is not admissible in a proceeding except with the written consent of all parties to the proceeding in which the mediator was appointed.

(4) The court shall specify in an order made pursuant to subsection (1) the amount of the mediator's fees and expenses that each party is required to pay.

- (5) The court may order that one party pay all of the mediator's fees and expenses where the court is satisfied that payment would cause the other party serious financial hardship.
- (6) Where the mediator and the parties are unable to resolve the matter, either party, at any time after the first mediation session, may discontinue the mediation and proceed to have the matters at issue between the parties resolved by the court.

Obligations of lawyer

- 11(1) It is the duty of every lawyer who undertakes to act on behalf of an applicant or respondent in an application pursuant to this Part or Part III or IV to:
- (a) discuss with the applicant or respondent the advisability of negotiating the matters that are the subject of the application; and
 - (b) inform the applicant or respondent of the mediation facilities known to him or her that might be able to assist the parties in negotiating those matters.
- (2) Every application presented to the court by a lawyer pursuant to this Part or Part III or IV is to contain a statement signed by the lawyer certifying that he or she has complied with subsection (1).

Family service hearing

- 12(1) Where a child is the subject of proceedings pursuant to Part III of The Child and Family Services Act and an application for custody of or access to the child is brought pursuant to this Act:
- (a) unless the court otherwise orders, the proceedings pursuant to The Child and Family Services Act are stayed pending the decision of the court with respect to custody or access;
 - (b) the applicant for custody or access shall serve the director with notice of the application for custody or access; and
 - (c) the minister responsible for the administration of that Act is not to be joined as a party to the proceedings for custody or access unless that minister applies to be so joined.
- (2) Where the minister responsible for the administration of The Child and Family Services Act is a party to the proceedings for custody or access, the court may:
- (a) consolidate the actions in the court and make an order pursuant to section 37 of The Child and Family Services Act; or

(b) refer the proceedings pursuant to The Child and Family Services Act back to the Provincial Court to be concluded after the custody or access application has been decided.

Closed hearings

13 Where, in the opinion of the court, the desirability of protecting against the consequences of possible disclosure of personal matters outweighs the desirability of holding a hearing in public, the court may:

- (a) exclude the public from the hearing or any part of it; and
- (b) prohibit the publication of:
 - (i) any matter connected with the application or given in evidence at the hearing; or
 - (ii) any document filed with the court.

PART III Jurisdiction of Court

Interpretation of Parts, "extra-provincial tribunal"

14(1) In this Part and Part IV, "extra-provincial tribunal" means a court or tribunal established in a jurisdiction outside Saskatchewan with authority under the laws of that jurisdiction to make an order granting custody of or access to a child to any person.

"custody order"

(2) In sections 17 to 20, "custody order" means an order, or that part of an order, of an extra-provincial tribunal that grants custody of a child to any person and includes provisions, if any, granting another person a right of access or visitation to the child at specific times or on specific dates.

Jurisdiction

15(1) For the purposes of making a custody or access order or for the purposes of Part IV, a court has jurisdiction where:

- (a) the child is habitually resident in Saskatchewan at the commencement of the application for the order;
- (b) although the child is not habitually resident in Saskatchewan, the court is satisfied that:
 - (i) the child is physically present in Saskatchewan at the commencement of the application for the order;
 - (ii) substantial evidence concerning the best interests of the child is available in Saskatchewan;
 - (iii) no application for custody of or access to the child is pending before an extra-provincial tribunal in another place where the child is habitually resident;
 - (iv) no application pursuant to section 17 is pending before the court or may be made within a reasonable time;

- (v) no extra-provincial order with respect to custody of or access to the child has been recognized by a court in Saskatchewan;
 - (vi) the child has a real and substantial connection with Saskatchewan; and
 - (vii) on the balance of convenience, it is appropriate for jurisdiction to be exercised in Saskatchewan; or
 - (c) the parties have consented to the court having jurisdiction.
- (2) A child is habitually resident in the place where he or she resided:
- (a) with both parents;
 - (b) where the parents are living separate and apart, with one parent under a custody agreement or order or with the consent, implied consent or acquiescence of the other; or
 - (c) with a person other than a parent on a permanent basis for a significant period of time;
- whichever last occurred.
- (3) Where the child's habitual residence cannot be determined pursuant to clause (2)(a), (b) or (c), the child is to be considered as habitually resident in the jurisdiction with which the child has the closest connection.
- (4) The removal or withholding of a child without the consent of the person entitled to custody of the child does not alter the habitual residence of the child unless there has been acquiescence or undue delay in commencing due process by the person from whom the child is removed or withheld.

Declining jurisdiction

16 A court having jurisdiction pursuant to this Act with respect to custody or access may decline to exercise its jurisdiction where, in the opinion of the court, it is more appropriate for jurisdiction to be exercised outside Saskatchewan.

Enforcement of custody order

- 17(1) Subject to subsection (2), on an application, a court:
- (a) shall enforce; and
 - (b) may make any orders that it considers necessary to give effect to;
- a custody order as if the custody order had been made by the court.

- (2) The court may refuse to enforce the custody order and may make any other order for the custody of or access to the child that it considers necessary if the child is physically present in Saskatchewan and the court:
- (a) is satisfied that the person entitled to the custody of the child pursuant to the custody order:
 - (i) was not actually exercising the rights under the custody order at the time of the removal or retention of the child; or
 - (ii) had consented to or subsequently acquiesced in the removal or retention;
 - (b) is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the child would suffer serious harm if the child:
 - (i) remains in the custody of or subject to access by the person entitled to custody or access pursuant to the custody order;
 - (ii) is returned to the custody of the person entitled to custody pursuant to the custody order; or
 - (iii) is removed from Saskatchewan; or
 - (c) is satisfied that the extra-provincial tribunal that made the custody order did not at the time of making the order have jurisdiction to do so in accordance with section 15.

Power of court to make other orders

- 18 Where, on an application pursuant to section 17, the court orders the return of the child, it may:
- (a) make any interim orders with respect to custody or access in the best interests of the child to ensure the child's return to the person entitled to custody; and
 - (b) make an order described in clause (a) conditional on prompt commencement of action in the jurisdiction of the habitual residence and attach any other conditions to the order the court considers appropriate, including conditions relating to payment of costs for reasonable travel and other expenses related to the proceedings.

Applications

- 19(1) A person making an application pursuant to section 17 shall file with the application a copy of the custody order to which the application relates, certified as a true copy by:
- (a) a judge or other presiding officer of the extra-provincial tribunal; or
 - (b) the clerk or other official charged with the keeping of records and orders of the extra-provincial tribunal.

(2) No proof is required of the signature or appointment of a judge, presiding officer, clerk or other official with respect to any certificate produced as evidence pursuant to this section.

(3) For the purposes of an application pursuant to section 17, a court may take notice, without requiring formal proof, of:

- (a) the law of a jurisdiction outside Saskatchewan; and
- (b) a decision of an extra-provincial tribunal.

Conflicting orders 20 Subject to subsection 17(2), the fact that a conflicting order for custody or access has been made in Saskatchewan is not a ground for refusing to enforce a previous custody order made outside Saskatchewan.

S.S. 1986, c.I-10.1 to prevail

21 Where there is a conflict between this Act and The International Child Abduction Act, the latter Act prevails.

PART IV Custody and Access Enforcement

Interpretation of Part

22 In this Part:

- "access" (a) "access" means access to a child at specific times or on specific dates;
- "agreement" (b) "agreement" means an agreement that is enforceable under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it was made and that includes a provision for custody or access;
- "order" (c) "order" means an order of a court or an extra-provincial tribunal that includes a provision for custody or access.

Order restraining harassment

23 On application, a court may:

- (a) make an interim or final order restraining a person from:
 - (i) molesting;
 - (ii) annoying;
 - (iii) harassing;
 - (iv) communicating with; or
 - (v) otherwise interfering with;

the applicant or a child in the lawful care or custody of the applicant; and

- (b) require the respondent to enter into any recognizance, with or without sureties, or post any bond that the court considers appropriate.

Order where child unlawfully withheld

24(1) Where a court is satisfied on application that there are reasonable and probable grounds for believing that a person:

- (a) is unlawfully withholding a child from a person entitled to custody of or access to the child pursuant to an order or agreement;
- (b) who is prohibited by order or agreement from removing a child from Saskatchewan intends to remove the child or have the child removed from Saskatchewan; or
- (c) who is entitled to access to a child pursuant to an order or agreement intends to remove the child or to have the child removed from Saskatchewan and that the child is not likely to return;

the court, by order, may direct a sheriff, peace officer or other person that it considers appropriate to locate, apprehend and deliver the child to a person specified by the court for the purpose of giving effect to the rights of the applicant to custody or access.

(2) For the purpose of enforcing an order made pursuant to subsection (1), the court may authorize the sheriff, peace officer or other person to enter and search any place where the sheriff, peace officer or other person has reasonable and probable grounds for believing that the child may be.

(3) An application pursuant to subsection (1) may be made ex parte where the court is satisfied that it is necessary that action be taken without delay.

(4) The sheriff, peace officer or other person directed to act by an order made pursuant to subsection (1) shall do all things reasonably able to be done to locate, apprehend and deliver the child in accordance with the order.

(5) Neither the minister responsible for the administration of The Child and Family Services Act nor any employee of his or her department who are acting in the course of their duties under that Act are to be named in an order made pursuant to this section without the person's prior written consent.

Application to prevent removal of child

25(1) Where a court, on application, is satisfied on reasonable and probable grounds that a person:

- (a) prohibited by order or agreement from removing a child from Saskatchewan intends to remove the child from Saskatchewan; or
- (b) entitled to access to a child pursuant to an order or agreement intends to remove the child from Saskatchewan and is not likely to return the child to Saskatchewan;

the court, to prevent the removal of the child from Saskatchewan or to secure the child's prompt safe return to Saskatchewan, may:

- (c) order a person to transfer specific property to a named trustee to be held subject to any terms and conditions that the court considers appropriate;
 - (d) in the case of a person from whom payments have been ordered to be made for the maintenance of the child, order a person to make the payments to a specified trustee subject to any terms and conditions that the court considers appropriate;
 - (e) order a person to post a bond, with or without sureties, payable to the applicant in the amount the court considers appropriate;
 - (f) order a person to deliver the person's passport, the child's passport and any other travel documents of either of them that the court may specify to the court or to a person specified by the court;
 - (g) vary the custody or access order or, where the custody or access provisions are contained in an agreement, make a custody order or an access order; or
 - (h) make one or more of the orders described in clauses (c) to (g).
- (2) In an order made pursuant to subsection (1), the court may:
- (a) specify terms and conditions for the return or disposition of the property or payments; or
 - (b) give directions with respect to the safekeeping of the property, passports or travel documents.

Enforcement of access

26(1) Where a court, on application, is satisfied that a person entitled to access to a child pursuant to an order or agreement has been wrongfully denied access to the child by the respondent and is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the child the court may, by order:

- (a) require the respondent to give the applicant compensatory access to the child for the period:
 - (i) agreed to by the parties; or
 - (ii) that the court considers appropriate if the parties do not agree;
- (b) require supervision of the access in any manner that the court considers appropriate;

- (c) require the respondent to give security for the performance of the obligation to give the applicant access to the child;
 - (d) appoint a mediator pursuant to section 10 to assist them in resolving the issue;
 - (e) make or vary a custody order or access order; or
 - (f) direct all or any combination of the things mentioned in clauses (a) to (e) to be done.
- (2) Where a court, on application, is satisfied that a person entitled to access to a child pursuant to an order or agreement has wrongfully failed to exercise the right of access or to return the child as the order or agreement requires, and is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the child, the court may by order:
- (a) require supervision of the access in any manner that the court considers appropriate;
 - (b) require the respondent to give security for the performance of the obligation to:
 - (i) exercise the right of access; or
 - (ii) return the child as the order or agreement requires;
 - (c) appoint a mediator pursuant to section 10 to assist them in resolving the issue;
 - (d) require the respondent to provide the respondent's address and telephone number to the applicant;
 - (e) make or vary a custody order or access order; or
 - (f) direct all or any combination of the things mentioned in clauses (a) to (e) to be done.
- (3) A denial of access or failure to exercise the right of access or to return the child as the order or agreement requires is wrongful unless:
- (a) it is justified by a legitimate reason; and
 - (b) the respondent gave the applicant reasonable notice of the failure and of the reason.
- (4) At the hearing of an application pursuant to this section, unless the court orders otherwise, evidence is admissible only if it is directly related to:
- (a) the alleged wrongful denial of access or failure to exercise the right of access or to return the child as the order or agreement requires; or
 - (b) the respondent's reasons for the denial of access or failure to exercise the right of access or to return the child as the order or agreement requires.

- (5) This section does not apply to a denial of access or failure to exercise a right of access or to return a child as the order or agreement requires that occurred before this Act comes into force.
- (6) Where the court is satisfied that a person has made a frivolous or vexatious application pursuant to this section, the court may prohibit that person from making further applications without leave of the court.
- (7) No person shall be ordered to supervise access pursuant to clause (1)(b) or (2)(a) without his or her consent.

Payment of expenses

27 On an application pursuant to this Part or The International Child Abduction Act, a court may order a respondent to pay necessary expenses incurred or to be incurred by the applicant, including:

- (a) travel expenses;
- (b) the costs of locating and returning a child;
- (c) lost wages;
- (d) expenses reimbursed pursuant to section 7 of The Child and Family Services Act;
- (e) legal fees; and
- (f) any other expenses the court may allow.

Information as to address

28(1) Where, on application, the court is satisfied that a person requires an order pursuant to this section in aid of an application to:

- (a) obtain or enforce a custody or access order; or
- (b) enforce a custody or access agreement;

it may order any person or public body, including the Crown, to provide the applicant or any other person who the court considers appropriate with any information in the possession or control of the person or public body with respect to the location, address or place of employment of the person against whom the custody or access order is sought to be obtained or the order or agreement is sought to be enforced.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege.

(3) Subject to subsection (2), an order made pursuant to subsection (1) applies notwithstanding any other Act or law restricting the disclosure of the information.

(4) Where the court makes an order pursuant to subsection (1), it may make any order with respect to the confidentiality to be maintained in connection with the information released that it considers appropriate.

Contempt of court

29(1) Where a court on its own motion or on application by notice of motion is satisfied that any person has displayed wilful contempt of its orders or resistance to its process or orders with respect to custody of or access to a child, the court, in addition to any other remedy including variation of the custody or access order, may impose:

- (a) in the case of a first finding of contempt:
 - (i) a fine of not more than \$5,000;
 - (ii) imprisonment for a term of not more than three months; or
 - (iii) both that fine and imprisonment; and
- (b) in the case of a second or subsequent finding of contempt:
 - (i) a fine of not more than \$10,000;
 - (ii) imprisonment for a term of not more than two years; or
 - (iii) both that fine and imprisonment.

(2) Where the court imposes a sentence of imprisonment pursuant to subsection (1) that does not exceed 90 days, it may:

- (a) order that the sentence be served intermittently at those times that are specified in the order; and
- (b) direct that the person at all times when not in confinement pursuant to the order, comply with conditions prescribed in the order.

(3) The court may order that if a person defaults in payment of a fine imposed pursuant to subsection (1) that person shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding six months.

(4) Proceedings pursuant to subsection (1) may be taken without having taken any other step for the enforcement of the order.

(5) The sheriff, or any other officer or person by his or her direction or by direction of the court, may convey any person to be committed to a prison without any further warrant other than a copy of the minutes of the court certified by a judge or the registrar.

(6) The keeper of the prison and all other persons whose duty it is to receive the person to be committed into custody are authorized to and shall:

- (a) receive the person to be committed into custody; and
- (b) carry out and execute the order according to its tenor and effect.

PART V

Guardianship of the Property of a Child

Joint guardianship

- 30(1) Unless otherwise ordered by the court and subject to the provisions of this Act, the parents of a child are joint guardians of the property of the child with equal rights, powers and duties.
- (2) The court, by order, may appoint one or more guardians of the property of a child.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5) and any order made pursuant to subsection (2), if a parent is deceased, the surviving parent:
- (a) is the guardian of the property of his or her child; and
 - (b) may appoint one or more persons as guardian of the property of the child to take effect on the surviving parent's death.
- (4) An appointment for the purposes of clause (3)(b) shall be made:
- (a) if the surviving parent is under the age prescribed in The Wills Act to make a valid will, by deed;
 - (b) if the surviving parent is of the full age prescribed in The Wills Act to make a valid will, by will.
- (5) Where:
- (a) the parents of a child have entered into an agreement pursuant to clause 3(3)(d); or
 - (b) an order has been made by the court pursuant to subsection 6(2);
- the parent of the child authorized to do so by the order or agreement may appoint a person to be the guardian of the property of his or her child on the parent's death.
- (6) The appointment of the guardian of the property of a child pursuant to subsection (5) takes precedence over any right of the surviving parent pursuant to subsection (3).

Conditions for guardianship order

- 31(1) In making an order for the appointment of a guardian of the property of a child, the court:
- (a) shall take into account:
 - (i) the ability of the proposed guardian of the property of the child to manage that property;

- (ii) the merits of the plan indicated by the proposed guardian of the property of the child for the care and management of the property;
 - (iii) the personal relationship between the proposed guardian of the property of the child and the child;
 - (iv) the wishes of the parents of the child; and
 - (v) the views, if any, of the public trustee; and
- (b) may make any order respecting the remuneration, if any, to be received by the guardian of the property of the child.
- (2) Unless the court orders otherwise, no person is to be appointed guardian of the property of a child who is 12 years of age or older without the consent of the child.

Guardian's authority

- 32 Unless the court orders otherwise, the guardian of the property of a child appointed or constituted pursuant to section 30:
- (a) after furnishing the security ordered by the court pursuant to section 34, shall have:
 - (i) the care and management of the property of the child;
 - (ii) the right to receive any moneys due and payable to the child and give a release for them; and
 - (b) may appear in court and prosecute or defend any action or proceeding in which the property of the child is or may be affected.

Testamentary appointment

- 33(1) Where a person appoints a trustee of property that the person has devised, bequeathed or given to a child, the trustee is entitled to receive and hold that property for the child in accordance with the settlor's instructions, subject to subsection (2).
- (2) Where a trustee other than an executor is appointed to hold property devised or bequeathed to a child in a will, the public trustee may apply to the court for an order requiring the trustee to furnish security, and on an application, section 34 applies, with any necessary modification.

Security by guardian

- 34(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the guardian of the property of a child, including the child's parents, shall furnish security:
- (a) in the form of a bond of a guarantee company;
 - (b) in the name of the child;
 - (c) in the amount; and
 - (d) on the terms;
- that the court may approve.

- (2) Where the court is of the opinion that a bond:
 - (a) is not required; or
 - (b) is not an appropriate form of security;it may make any order it considers appropriate with respect to security.
- (3) The security required to be furnished pursuant to this section is to be filed with the registrar.
- (4) The requirement of this section to file security does not apply to the public trustee.

Notice to public trustee

- 35 The registrar shall:
- (a) keep a record of every order:
 - (i) appointing or removing a guardian of the property of a child; or
 - (ii) regarding security to be furnished by a guardian or trustee;
 - (b) forward a copy of the order to the public trustee;
 - (c) certify, to the public trustee, the date on which the appointment, removal or order regarding security was made; and
 - (d) where a bond or other security is ordered to be filed, state the amount of the bond or security filed.

Passing of accounts

- 36(1) On the application of any person considered by the court as a proper person to represent the interests of a child, the court may require that a guardian or trustee of the property of a child, other than the public trustee, submit his or her accounts with respect to the administration of the property to the court.
- (2) The court may examine and pass the accounts submitted pursuant to subsection (1).
 - (3) The power of the court granted by this section extends to a final passing of accounts after the child has attained the age of majority.
 - (4) A guardian of the property of a child shall transfer to the child all property of the child in the care of the guardian when the child attains the age of majority.

- Directions 37 Where guardians or trustees of the property of a child are unable to agree on a matter respecting the management or administration of the property of the child:
- (a) any of the guardians or trustees may apply to the court for directions; and
 - (b) on an application pursuant to clause (a), the court may make any order it considers appropriate.

Trustee Act and Public Trustee Act apply

38 A guardian or trustee of the property of a child is subject to The Trustee Act and The Public Trustee Act.

Removal of guardian

- 39(1) Any guardian or trustee of the property of a child is removable by the court for the same causes for which trustees are removable.
- (2) A guardian or trustee of the property of a child, with leave of the court, may resign his or her office on any terms and conditions that the court may prescribe.

PART VI

Child Status and Parentage

Child of natural parents

- 40(1) Subject to section 18 of The Adoption Act, for all purposes of the law of Saskatchewan:
- (a) a person is the child of his or her parents; and
 - (b) a person's status as a child of his or her parents is independent of whether he or she is born inside or outside marriage.
- (2) Kindred relationships are to be determined according to the relationships described in subsection (1).
- (3) All distinctions between the status of a child born inside marriage and a child born outside marriage are abolished and the relationship of parent and child, and kindred relationships flowing from that relationship, are to be determined in accordance with this section.

Construction of instruments and statutes

41 For the purpose of construing an instrument or Act, a reference to a person or group or category of persons described in terms of relationship to another person by blood or marriage is to be construed to refer to and include a person who comes within the description by reason of the relationship of parent and child as determined pursuant to section 40.

- Application
- 42 Sections 40 and 41 apply to Acts enacted before, on or after the day this Act comes into force and to instruments made on or after the day this Act comes into force, but do not affect:
- (a) an instrument made before this Act comes into force; or
 - (b) a disposition of property made before this Act comes into force.
- Parentage
- 43(1) Any person having an interest may apply to the court for a declaratory order that:
- (a) a man is recognized in law to be the father of a child; or
 - (b) a woman is recognized in law to be the mother of a child.
- (2) Where the court finds on the balance of probabilities that a woman is or is not in law the mother of a child, the court may make a declaratory order to that effect.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), where the court finds that a presumption of paternity exists pursuant to section 45 and unless it is established, on the balance of probabilities, that the presumed father is not the father of the child, the court may make a declaratory order confirming that the paternity is recognized in law.
- (4) Where:
- (a) either:
 - (i) there is no man recognized in law pursuant to section 45 to be the father of a child or circumstances exist that give rise under section 45 to conflicting presumptions as to the paternity of the child; or
 - (ii) the presumed father is found not to be the father of the child; and
 - (b) the court finds on the balance of probabilities that a man is the father;
- the court may make a declaratory order to that effect.
- (5) Subject to subsection (6), an application pursuant to this section shall be made in the court.
- (6) An application pursuant to this section may be made in the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan if it is joined with an application for support or maintenance for the child.
- (7) An application pursuant to this section may be made whether or not the person and the child whose relationship is sought to be established are alive.

(8) No application may be made pursuant to this section where the child has been adopted or placed for adoption.

(9) Notwithstanding any other Act or law, no extension of the time for the commencement of an appeal from a declaratory order shall be granted where the child has been adopted or placed for adoption.

(10) In this section and in section 44, "placed for adoption" means placed for adoption within the meaning of The Adoption Act.

New hearing

44(1) Where:

- (a) a declaratory order has been made pursuant to section 43 or an application for that type of order has been dismissed; and
- (b) evidence becomes available that was not reasonably available at the previous hearing;

the court, on application, may discharge or vary the previous order and make any other orders or directions that it considers appropriate.

(2) Where an order is discharged or varied pursuant to subsection (1):

- (a) rights and duties that have been exercised and observed; and
- (b) interests in property that have been distributed as a result of the order before its discharge;

are not affected.

(3) No application may be made pursuant to this section where the child has been adopted or placed for adoption.

Presumptions

45(1) Unless the contrary is proven on a balance of probabilities, there is a presumption that a man is, and he is to be recognized in law to be, the father of a child in any one of the following circumstances:

- (a) at the time of the child's birth or conception he was cohabiting with the mother, whether or not they were married to each other;
- (b) he and the mother of the child have filed a statutory declaration, acknowledging that he is the father of the child, with the Director of Vital Statistics or an equivalent official in another jurisdiction in Canada;

- (c) he signed the birth registration form under The Vital Statistics Act or a form of similar effect under a similar Act in another jurisdiction in Canada;
 - (d) he married the mother after the child's birth and acknowledges that he is the father;
 - (e) he and the mother have acknowledged in writing that he is the father of the child;
 - (f) he has been found or recognized by a court in Canada to be the father of the child.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), where a man and a woman in good faith go through a form of marriage with each other that is void and cohabit:
- (a) they are deemed to be married during the time they cohabit; and
 - (b) the marriage is deemed to terminate when they cease to cohabit.
- (3) Where circumstances exist that give rise pursuant to subsection (1) to conflicting presumptions as to the paternity of a child:
- (a) no presumption is to be made as to paternity; and
 - (b) no person is to be recognized in law to be the father by virtue of this section.

Written acknowledgment

46 A written acknowledgment of parentage that is admitted in evidence in any civil proceeding against the interest of the person making the acknowledgment is admissible as prima facie evidence of the facts contained in it.

Statement to Vital Statistics

- 47(1) The registrar shall furnish the Director of Vital Statistics with a certificate in the form prescribed in the regulations respecting every order made pursuant to section 43 or 44.
- (2) On receipt of a certificate described in subsection (1), the Director of Vital Statistics shall amend the register of births accordingly.
- (3) The Director of Vital Statistics is not liable for any consequences resulting from filing, pursuant to this section or section 53, material that is apparently regular on its face.

Blood tests

48(1) On the application of a party to a proceeding pursuant to section 43 or 44, the court, subject to any conditions it considers appropriate, may give the party leave to:

- (a) obtain blood or other genetic tests of the persons named in the order; and
 - (b) submit the results in evidence.
- (2) Where a person named by the court is not capable of consenting to having the test taken, the consent is deemed to be sufficient:
- (a) where the person is a child, if the legal custodian of the child consents; and
 - (b) where the person is not capable of consenting for any reason other than minority, if another person having charge of the person consents and a medical practitioner certifies that the giving of a blood or tissue sample would not be prejudicial to his or her proper care and treatment.
- (3) No test is to be performed on a person without his or her consent, but where a person named in the order refuses:
- (a) to submit to a blood or other genetic test; or
 - (b) to allow a person under his or her charge to submit to a blood or other genetic test;
- the court may draw whatever inferences appear to be reasonable having regard to all the circumstances.
- (4) The court may:
- (a) make an order as to which party shall bear the cost of blood or other genetic tests; or
 - (b) apportion the cost of tests between the parties.

Interpretation

49 In sections 50 to 58:

"extra-provincial declaratory order"

(a) "extra-provincial declaratory order" means an order in the nature of a declaratory order provided for in section 43 but made by a court outside Saskatchewan; and

"extra-provincial finding"

(b) "extra-provincial finding" means a judicial finding of paternity or maternity that:

- (i) is made incidentally in the determination of another issue by a court outside Saskatchewan; and
- (ii) is not an extra-provincial declaratory order.

Recognition of orders made elsewhere in Canada

50 An extra-provincial declaratory order that is made in Canada is to be recognized and have the same effect as if made in Saskatchewan.

Recognition of orders made outside Canada

51 An extra-provincial declaratory order that was made outside Canada is to be recognized and have the same effect as if made in Saskatchewan if:

- (a) at the time the proceeding was commenced or the order was made, either parent was domiciled:
 - (i) in the territorial jurisdiction of the court making the order; or
 - (ii) in a territorial jurisdiction in which the order is recognized;
- (b) the court that made the order would have had jurisdiction to do so under the conflict of laws rules that are applicable in Saskatchewan;
- (c) the child was habitually resident in the territorial jurisdiction of the court making the order at the time the proceeding was commenced or the order was made; or
- (d) the child or either parent had a real and substantial connection with the territorial jurisdiction in which the order was made at the time the proceeding was commenced or the order was made.

Exceptions

- 52 A court may decline to recognize an extra-provincial declaratory order and may make a declaratory order pursuant to section 43 where:
- (a) new evidence that was not available at the hearing becomes available; or
 - (b) the court is satisfied that the extra-provincial declaratory order was obtained by fraud or duress.

Filing

- 53(1) A copy of an extra-provincial declaratory order, certified under the seal of the court that made it, may be filed with the Director of Vital Statistics but where the extra-provincial declaratory order is made outside of Canada, the copy shall be accompanied by:
- (a) the opinion of a lawyer authorized to practise in Saskatchewan that the declaratory order is entitled to recognition under the law of Saskatchewan;
 - (b) a sworn statement by a lawyer or public official in the extra-provincial territorial jurisdiction as to the effect of the declaratory order; and
 - (c) any translation, verified by affidavit, that the Director of Vital Statistics requires.
- (2) Where the extra-provincial declaratory order contradicts paternity or maternity found by an order already filed, the most recent order in time prevails.

- Evidence 54 A copy of:
 (a) an order or judgment in which an extra-provincial finding is made; or
 (b) an extra-provincial declaratory order;
 certified under the seal of the court that made it, is admissible in evidence without proof of the signature or office of any person executing the certificate.
- Findings elsewhere in Canada 55 An extra-provincial finding that is made in Canada is to be recognized and have the same effect as if made in Saskatchewan under the same circumstances.
- Findings outside Canada 56 An extra-provincial finding that is made outside Canada by a court that has jurisdiction to determine the matter in which the finding was made, as determined by the conflict of laws rules of Saskatchewan, is to be recognized and have the same effect as if made in Saskatchewan under the same circumstances.
- Presumption where conflicting findings 57 There is to be no presumption of paternity pursuant to section 45 where contradictory findings of paternity exist, whether extra-provincial or otherwise.
- Application 58 Sections 49 to 57 apply to extra-provincial declaratory orders and extra-provincial findings, whether made before or after this Act comes into force.

PART VII

Repeal, Transitional and Consequential Amendments

- R.S.S., 1978 (Supp.), c.E-18 repealed
 59(1) The Extra-provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act is repealed.
- R.S.S., 1978, c.I-9 repealed
 (2) The Infants Act is repealed.
- R.S.S. 1978, c.L-13 repealed
 (3) The Legitimacy Act is repealed.
- Transitional 60 Notwithstanding the repeal of The Infants Act pursuant to subsection 59(2):
 (a) an order for custody or access pursuant to that Act may be varied or enforced pursuant to this Act as if that order were made pursuant to this Act;
 (b) an application for:
 (i) custody;
 (ii) access; or
 (iii) guardianship of the property of a child;

pursuant to that Act but not completed before this Act comes into force is to be continued and dealt with pursuant to this Act as if that application were made pursuant to this Act;

(c) an order for the guardianship of the property of a child, including an order fixing or dispensing with security, made pursuant to that Act is deemed to be an order made pursuant to this Act and may be enforced or dealt with pursuant to this Act.

R.S.S. 1978, c.S-43 repealed

- 61(1) The Seduction Act is repealed.
- (2) No parent shall bring an action:
 - (a) for the enticement, harbouring, seduction or loss of services of his or her child;
 - or
 - (b) for any damages resulting from any of the things mentioned in clause (a).

S.S. 1989-90, c.A-5.1 amended

- 62(1) The Adoption Act is amended in the manner set forth in this section.
- (2) Paragraph 2(1)(d)(i)(E) is amended by striking out "to be the father of the child pursuant to section 3" and substituting "by the court to be the father of the child pursuant to Part VI of The Children's Law Act".
- (3) Section 3 is repealed.
- (4) Clause 8(3)(a) is amended by striking out "section 3 of The Infants Act" and substituting "section 6 of The Children's Law Act".
- (5) Section 15 is amended by adding the following subsection after subsection (4):

"(5) Where notice of an application for a declaration of paternity pursuant to Part VI of The Children's Law Act is served on the mother of the child, the child with respect to whom the application is made is not to be deemed to be placed for adoption until the application is finally determined".
- (6) Section 16 is amended:
 - (a) by striking out "The Infants Act" in clause (1)(b) and substituting "The Children's Law Act"; and
 - (b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (4):

"(5) If a child has been placed for adoption by a birth parent, an agency or the director, no application shall be made to the court for a declaration of parentage pursuant to Part VI of The Children's Law Act".

S.S. 1989-90, c.C-7.2 amended

- 63(1) The Child and Family Services Act is amended in the manner set forth in this section.
- (2) Subsection 28(1) is amended by striking out "42(1)" and substituting "sections 42 to 42.3".
- (3) Subsection 33(3) is amended by striking out "The Infants Act" and substituting "The Children's Law Act".
- (4) Subparagraph 44(b)(i)(B)(V) is amended by striking out "to be the father of the child pursuant to section 45" and substituting "by the court to be the father of the child pursuant to Part VI of The Children's Law Act".
- (5) Section 45 is repealed.
- (6) Clause 50(4)(a) is amended by striking out "section 3 of The Infants Act" and substituting "section 6 of The Children's Law Act".
- (7) Section 66 is amended:
- (a) by striking out "The Infants Act" in subsection (2) and substituting "The Children's Law Act"; and
- (b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (2):
- "(3) While an order of committal or a voluntary committal is in force and the child has been placed for adoption, no application shall be made to the court for a declaration of parentage pursuant to Part VI of The Children's Law Act".

R.S.S. 1978, c.C-47, section 2 amended

- 64 Clause 2(b) of The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act is amended by striking out "an illegitimate child,".

S.S. 1983, c.D-18.2, new section 14.1

Mediation services

- 65 The following section is added after section 14 of The Department of Justice Act:
- "14.1(1) The minister may appoint a manager of mediation services to:
- (a) provide and encourage the provision of mediation services to the public; and
- (b) charge the fee prescribed in the regulations for those services.
- "(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations prescribing the amount of the fee to be charged for the mediation services mentioned in subsection (1) and, for that purpose, may:
- (a) establish different classes of mediation services; and
- (b) prescribe a different fee for each class of mediation services".

R.S.S. 1978, c.D-25 amended

- 66(1) The Dependants' Relief Act is amended in the manner set forth in this section.
- (2) Clause 2(1)(a) is amended by striking out "and an illegitimate child of a testator or an intestate".
- (3) Section 3 is repealed.

R.S.S. 1978, c.I-13, section 17 repealed

- 67 Section 17 of The Intestate Succession Act is repealed.

S.S. 1980-81, c.J-4.1 amended

- 68(1) The Jury Act, 1981 is amended in the manner set forth in this section.
- (2) Section 16 is amended by striking out "seduction,":
 - (a) in subsection (1); and
 - (b) in clause (3)(a).
- (3) Subsection 22(1) is amended by striking out "seduction".

R.S.S. 1978, c.L-15, section 3 amended

- 69 Subsection 3(1) of The Limitation of Actions Act is amended by:
 - (a) striking out "or" after subclause 3(1)(d)(iii); and
 - (b) repealing subclause 3(1)(d)(iv).

R.S.S. 1978, c.L-19, new section 26

- 70 Section 26 of The Liquor Board Superannuation Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Payments to legal custodian of child

- "26(1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.
- "(2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.
- "(3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (1) or (2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the commission in its discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

S.S. 1979, c.M-12.1, section 19 amended

- 71 Subsection 19(4) of The Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Act, 1979 is repealed and the following substituted:
 - "(4.1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.

"(4.2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.

"(4.3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (4.1) or (4.2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the minister in his or her discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

R.S.S. 1978, c.M-26, new section 33

72 Section 33 of The Municipal Employees' Superannuation Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Payments to legal custodian of child

"33(1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.

"(2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.

"(3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (1) or (2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the commission in its discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

R.S.S. 1978, c.P-20, new section 26

73 Section 26 of The Power Corporation Superannuation Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Payments to legal custodian of child

"26(1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.

"(2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.

"(3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (1) or (2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the board in its discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

R.S.S. 1978, c.P-43, new section 33

74 Section 33 of The Public Service Superannuation Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Payments to legal custodian of child

"33(1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.

"(2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.

"(3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (1) or (2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the board in its discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

S.S. 1983, c.P-43.1 amended

75(1) The Public Trustee Act is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) Section 2 is amended by:

(a) repealing clause (d) and substituting the following:

"(d) 'guardian' means the guardian of the property of an infant appointed or constituted pursuant to section 30 of The Children's Law Act, who has:

(i) filed a bond of a guarantee company in an amount approved by the court pursuant to subsection 34(1) of The Children's Law Act or any other security required by the court pursuant to subsection 34(2) of that Act; or

(ii) obtained an order pursuant to subsection 34(2) of The Children's Law Act dispensing with the requirement of a bond or other security";

(b) by adding the following clause after clause (f):

"(f.1) 'legal custodian' means the legal custodian of an infant appointed or constituted pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise"; and

(c) by adding "and includes a trustee described in section 33 of The Children's Law Act" after "Act" in clause (j).

(3) Section 10 is amended:

(a) by repealing clause (1)(a) and substituting:

"(a) the infant's legal custodian or the guardian of the property of the infant constituted or appointed pursuant to The Children's Law Act"; and

(b) by repealing clause (2)(b) and substituting:

"(b) either:

(i) a guardian of the property of the infant constituted or appointed pursuant to The Children's Law Act, if there is one; or

(ii) if there is no guardian as described in subclause (i), a legal custodian of the infant".

(4) Section 13 is repealed and the following substituted:

"guardian"

"legal custodian"

Payment of proceeds

"13(1) Unless the court otherwise orders, the proceeds to which an infant is entitled from a sale, lease, mortgage or other disposition of land shall be paid to:

- (a) the guardian if there is one; or
- (b) if there is no guardian, the public trustee;

but the court, on application by the public trustee or by the guardian, may order that additional security be furnished if the court considers the amount of the security furnished pursuant to The Children's Law Act to be insufficient.

"(2) Subsection (1) does not affect the right or authority of an executor of a will or a trustee to hold in trust the proceeds to which an infant is entitled if the will or instrument creating the trust expressly authorizes or directs the executor or trustee to do so".

(5) Section 15 is amended:

(a) in subsection (1):

- (i) by striking out "a guardian of an infant's estate has been appointed" and substituting "an infant has a guardian"; and
- (ii) by adding "and no other trustee is appointed in the will to receive the money" after "share" in clause (c); and

(b) by repealing subsection (4) and substituting the following:

"(4) Where:

- (a) an infant's share in an estate consists of cash or liquid securities; and
 - (b) the executor or administrator of the estate or a trustee appointed in the will to hold the cash or liquid securities desires to be discharged;
- the public trustee, in the discretion of the public trustee, may accept the infant's share on behalf of the infant for administration during the infant's minority and release the executor, administrator or trustee in so far as the share of the infant is concerned.

"(5) The public trustee's release pursuant to subsection (4) is as binding and effectual as if the infant had:

- (a) executed it; and
- (b) been of the full age of 18 years at the time".

- (6) Subsection 17(2) is amended:
 - (a) by adding "a guardian or" after "infant by"; and
 - (b) by adding "or guardian" after "authorize the trustee".
- (7) Section 18 is amended by:
 - (a) striking out "if one has been appointed" in subsection (3) and substituting "if there is one"; and
 - (b) striking out "the bond filed pursuant to The Infants Act" in subsection (4) and substituting "security furnished pursuant to The Children's Law Act".
- (8) Section 20 is amended by striking out "estate" in:
 - (a) subsection (1); and
 - (b) subsection (3);
 and in each case substituting "property".
- (9) Subsection 23(1) is amended by striking out "appointed".
- (10) Section 25 is amended:
 - (a) by striking out "parent" in clause (1)(a) and substituting "legal custodian";
 - (b) by striking out "parent" in subsection (3) and substituting "legal custodian"; and
 - (c) by repealing subsection (5) and substituting the following:
 - "(5) The funds to which an infant is entitled from a settlement confirmed under this section shall be paid to the infant's guardian, if there is one, and otherwise to the public trustee, but the court, on application by the public trustee or by the guardian, may order that additional security be furnished if the court considers the amount of the security furnished pursuant to The Children's Law Act to be insufficient".
- (11) Subsection 45(1) is amended by adding ", trustee" after "guardian".
- (12) Clause 48(a) is amended by striking out "parent" and substituting "legal custodian".

R.S.S. 1978, c.Q-1, section 53 amended

76 Subsection 53(1) of The Queen's Bench Act is amended by repealing clause (c) and substituting the following:

"(c) for custody or guardianship of, access to or a declaration of parentage with respect to a child pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise;

"(c.1) for maintenance of a spouse or child pursuant to The Family Maintenance Act or otherwise".

R.S.S. 1978, c.S-35, new section 26

77 Section 26 of The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Superannuation Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Payment to legal custodian of child

"26(1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.

"(2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.

"(3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (1) or (2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the board in its discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

S.S. 1988-89, c.S-50.1, section 4 amended

78 Clause 4(c) of The Small Claims Act is amended by striking out ", seduction".

R.S.S. 1978, c.T-9, new section 51

79 Section 51 of The Teachers' Superannuation Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Payment to legal custodian of child

"51(1) Allowances payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed legal custodian of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act or otherwise.

"(2) Lump sum payments payable to a child shall be paid to the person constituted or appointed guardian of the property of the child by or pursuant to The Children's Law Act.

"(3) Where there is no legal custodian or guardian as described in subsection (1) or (2), moneys payable to a child may be paid to any person that the commission in its discretion may determine, having regard to the best interests of the child".

R.S.S. 1978 (Supp.), c.U-1.1, section 7 amended

80 Clause 7(d) of The Unified Family Court Act is repealed.

R.S.S. 1978, c.V-7 amended

81(1) The Vital Statistics Act is amended in the manner set forth in this section.

(2) Subsection 4(3) is amended by striking out "an illegitimate child" and substituting "a child born outside marriage".

(3) Subsection 6(1) is amended:

(a) by striking out "Where a child is legitimated by the intermarriage of his parents subsequent to his birth" and substituting "Where the parents of a child marry each other after the child is born"; and

- (b) by striking out "as to the legitimation" in clause (b).
- (4) Sections 25 and 26 are repealed.
- (5) Subsection 42(2) is repealed.
- (6) Clause 58(k) is repealed and the following substituted:
 - "(k) prescribing the evidence on which the director may make a registration of birth where the parents of a child marry each other after the child is born".

R.S.S. 1978, c.W-14, section 33 repealed

82 Section 33 of The Wills Act is repealed.

S.S. 1979, c.W-17.1, section 2 amended

83 Clause 2(b) of The Workers' Compensation Act, 1979 is amended by striking out "an illegitimate child and".

Coming into force

84 This Act or any provision of this Act comes into force on a day or days to be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.