

# ORDER IN COUNCIL

**XXVI**

**1986**

ratifying a Projet de Loi

ENTITLED

## **The Law Reform (Age of Majority) (Sark) Law, 1986**

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(Registered on the Records of the Island of Guernsey  
on the 3rd February, 1987.)

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IN THE ROYAL COURT OF THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

*The 3rd day of February, 1987 before Sir Charles Frossard, Kt., Bailiff; present:—Donald Pescott Plummer, Brian Ernest Herbert Joy, Esquires, Charles Henry Hodder, Esquire, O.B.E., Harry Wilson Bisson, Herbert Nicolle Machon, James de Sausmarez Carey, John Christopher Bulstrode, Stanley Walter John Jehan, Raymond Arthur Heaume, Esquires, Mrs. Dorothy Winifred Le Pelley and Leonard Arthur Moss, Esquire, Jurats.*

The Bailiff having this day placed before the Court an Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 16th day of December 1986, approving and ratifying a *Projet de Loi* of the Chief Pleas of the Island of Sark entitled "The Law Reform (Age of Majority) (Sark) Law, 1986", the Court, after the reading of the said Order and after having heard Her Majesty's Comptroller thereon, ordered:—

1. That the said Order in Council be registered on the records of this Island.
2. That an extract of this present Act together with a copy of the said Order in Council be sent by Her Majesty's Greffier to the S<sup>én</sup>eschal of Sark for registration on the records of that Island, of which Order in Council the tenor followeth:—

# **At the Court at Buckingham Palace**

The 16th day of December 1986

PRESENT,

## **The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council**

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Guernsey and Jersey dated the 19th day of November 1986 in the words following, viz.:—

‘YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your General Order of Reference of the 22nd day of February 1952, to refer unto this Committee a humble Petition of John Michael Beaumont, Esquire, Seigneur of Sark, Lawrence Philip de Carteret, Esquire, Seneschal, and Alfred William John Adams, Esquire, Prevôt, of the Island of Sark, setting forth:—

‘1. That in pursuance of their Resolution of the 22nd day of January 1986 the Chief Pleas of the Island of Sark at a meeting held on the 2nd day of April 1986 approved a Bill or “Projet de Loi” entitled “The Law Reform (Age of Majority) (Sark) Law, 1986”. 2. That the said Bill or “Projet de Loi” is as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed. And most humbly praying that Your Majesty might be graciously pleased to grant Your Royal Sanction to the Bill or “Projet de Loi” of the Chief Pleas of Sark entitled “The Law Reform (Age of Majority) (Sark) Law, 1986” and to order that the same shall have force of law in the Island of Sark.’

“THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty’s said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition and the Projet de Loi annexed thereto into consideration and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to comply with the prayer of the said Petition and to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi.”

HER MAJESTY having taken the said Report into consideration is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of and ratify the said Projet de Loi, and to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the same shall have the force of Law within the Island of Sark.

AND HER MAJESTY doth hereby further direct that this Order, and the said Projet de Loi (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed), be entered upon the Register of the Island of Guernsey and observed accordingly.

AND the Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Bailiff and Jurats, and all other Her Majesty’s Officers for the time being in the said Bailiwick, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

*G. I. de Deney.*



Projet de Loi referred to in the foregoing Order  
in Council.

## PROJET DE LOI

ENTITLED

### **The Law Reform (Age of Majority) (Sark) Law, 1986**

THE CHIEF PLEAS OF SARK, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 22nd day of January, 1986, have approved the following provisions, which, subject to the Sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, shall have force of law in the Island of Sark.

1. (1) As from the date on which this Law comes into force, a person shall attain full age on attaining the age of eighteen instead of on attaining the age of twenty; and a person shall attain full age on that date if he has then already attained the age of eighteen but not the age of twenty.

Reduction  
of age of  
majority  
from 20 to  
18.

(2) The foregoing subsection applies for the purposes of any rule of law, and, in the absence of a definition or of any indication of a contrary intention, for the construction in the English language of "full age", "infant", "infancy", "minor", "minority", and in the French language of "âge de la majorité", "enfant", "mineur", "minorité" and similar expressions in those languages in

(a) any provision of an enactment or an Order of the Royal Court, whether passed or made before, on or after the date on which this Law comes into force; and

- (b) any agreement, will, trust instrument, settlement or other instrument of whatever nature (not being a provision of an enactment) made on or after that date.

(3) The savings contained in the Schedule to this Law shall have effect in relation to this section.

(4) Notwithstanding any rule of law, a will or codicil executed before the date on which this Law comes into force shall not be treated for the purposes of this section as made on or after that date by reason only that the will or codicil is confirmed by a codicil executed on or after that date.

Time at which a person reaches a particular age.

2. (1) The time at which a person attains a particular age expressed in years shall be the commencement of the relevant anniversary of the date of his birth.

(2) This section applies only where the relevant anniversary falls on a date after that on which this Law comes into force, and, in relation to any enactment, Order of the Royal Court, agreement, will, trust instrument, settlement or other instrument, has effect subject to any provision therein.

Persons under full age may be described as minors.

3. A person who is not of full age may be described as a minor instead of as an infant.

Citation.

4. This Law may be cited as the Law Reform (Age of Majority) (Sark) Law, 1986.

## SCHEDULE

## Section 1.

*Provisions incorporated in agreements, wills etc.*

Section 1 of this Law shall not affect the construction of any provision of an enactment where it is incorporated in and has effect as part of any agreement, will or other instrument the construction of which is not affected by that section.

K. H. TOUGH,

Her Majesty's Greffier.