

CHAPTER 75.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER NINETY-ONE (91) OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (1876), THE SAME BEING AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That chapter ninety-one (91) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), entitled an act providing for the adoption of children, be amended by adding thereto the following sections:

Rights of adopted children in regard to inheritance from adopting parent.

Sec. 9. In case any person heretofore or hereafter adopted either according to the provisions of this chapter or in any other lawful manner, shall die intestate, his property, acquired by himself or by gift from his adopting parent, shall be distributed according to the provisions of the laws in force at the time of decease of such intestate, relating to the title of real property by descent and the distribution of personal estate among the persons who would have been his kindred if he had been born to his adopting parent in lawful wedlock; and property received by gift or inheritance from his natural parents or kindred shall be distributed in the same manner as if no act of adoption had taken place, such distribution to be ascertained in such manner as the court may decree. No person shall, by being adopted, lose his right to inherit from his natural parents or kindred.

Receiving property from natural parents, how distributed.

The term child defined.

Sec. 10. The term child, or its equivalent, in a grant, trust settlement, devise, or bequest, shall be held to include a child adopted by the settler, grantor or testator, unless the contrary plainly appears by the terms of the instrument; but when the settler, grantor or testator is not himself the adopting parent, the child by adoption shall not have, under such an instrument, the rights of a child born in lawful wedlock to the adopting parent, unless it plainly appears to have been the intention of the settler, grantor or testator to include an adopted child.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1885.