

A

Legitimation

A (8).....born (1)..... becomes legitimate if his parents subsequently (7) By the Legitimacy Act, 1926, an illegitimate person is legitimated by the (2) of his parents provided that at the date of the marriage (i) the illegitimate person is alive and (ii) the (9) is domiciled in England and Wales.

The Legitimacy Act, 1959, further (6) that it shall be no bar to legitimation that either of the parents was married to a third party at the time of the birth of the (3) For example, A and B are married. B conceives a child by Z. A then divorces B, who thereupon marries Z. The child will be legitimated from the date of the subsequent marriage of B and Z.

The (5) effect is that the (10) child is treated in nearly all respects as though he were legitimate or a lawful child. Should the parents die intestate, the legitimated child will succeed to their property. Moreover, he will have the same rights of (4) by parents as a lawful child.

B

Illegitimacy

A (8) born during wedlock is *prima facie* legitimate. Similarly a child born within the normal time after the termination of a (2) by the death of the husband or by divorce is presumed legitimate.

A child will only be (1) when the mother does not marry the father. If the mother does, however, (7) the father following the birth of the child, the child may be (10)

If the mother marries some other person, the mother and the husband may in such a case jointly adopt the mother's illegitimate child, although her husband will be bound to maintain the (3) and can claim custody as a child of the family.

Custody and (4)..... . An illegitimate child is in the custody of his mother and the mother is bound to maintain him until the age of 16. The putative father, as he is generally called, is under no (5) obligation to (6) for the child except when the affiliation order has been made against him by a magistrates' court. If so ordered, the putative (9) is liable to maintain the child until the age of 16, although it may be extended beyond 16 if the child needs further education or training.