
To accompany the petition of Joseph B. Harrington and Lester B. Morley for legislation to regulate the disposition of certain property under wills in certain cases of fraud or undue influence practiced on the testator. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT REGULATING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY UNDER WILLS IN CERTAIN CASES OF FRAUD OR UNDUE INFLUENCE PRACTICED ON THE TESTATOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and ninety-one
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after section twenty-four, as appearing in the Tercen-
4 tenary Edition, the following new section:—

5 *Section 24A.* If a decree is entered disallowing any
6 devise or legacy contained in a will offered for pro-
7 bate, because of the fraud or undue influence exer-
8 cised on the testator with reference thereto by the
9 devisee or legatee of the property therein devised or
10 bequeathed, such property shall not fall into the
11 residuum of the estate, but shall be administered as
12 intestate property.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply to all petitions
2 for the probate of wills filed on and after the effective
3 date of this act.

