

ESTATES AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 386 of 1998

700.2601 Definitions.

Sec. 2601.

As used in this part:

(a) "Alternative devise" means a devise that is expressly created by the will and, under the terms of the will, can take effect instead of another devise on the happening of 1 or more events, including survival of the testator or failure to survive the testator, whether an event is expressed in condition-precedent, condition-subsequent, or another form. A residuary clause constitutes an alternative devise with respect to a nonresiduary devise only if the will specifically provides that, upon lapse or failure, the nonresiduary devise or nonresiduary devises in general pass under the residuary clause.

(b) "Class member" includes, but is not limited to, an individual who fails to survive the testator but who would have taken under a devise in the form of a class gift had he or she survived the testator.

(c) "Devise" includes, but is not limited to, an alternative devise, a devise in the form of a class gift, and an exercise of a power of appointment.

(d) "Devisee" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) A class member if the devise is in the form of a class gift.

(ii) The beneficiary of a trust, but not the trustee.

(iii) An individual or class member who was deceased at the time the testator executed his or her will or an individual or class member who was living at that time, but fails to survive the testator.

(iv) An appointee under a power of appointment exercised by the testator's will.

(e) "Stepchild" means a child of the surviving, deceased, or former spouse of the testator or of the donor of a power of appointment, who is not the testator's or donor's child.

(f) "Surviving devisee" or "surviving descendant" means a devisee or a descendant who neither predeceased the testator nor is considered to have predeceased the testator under section 2702.

(g) "Testator" includes the donee of a power of appointment if the power is exercised in the testator's will.

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