

299. No will, testament or codicil shall be effectual to create any interest or perpetuity, or make any limitation, or appoint any uses not now permitted by the Constitution or laws of this State.

300. No will, testament or codicil shall be good and effectual for any purpose whatsoever, unless the person making the same be at the time of executing or acknowledging it as hereafter directed, of sound and disposing mind, and capable of executing a valid deed or contract. No will, testament or codicil shall be good and effectual to pass any interest or estate in any land, tenement or incorporeal hereditament, unless the person making the same, if a male, be of the full age of twenty-one years, and if a female, of the full age of eighteen years.

301. All devises and bequests of any lands or tenements devisable by law, shall be in writing, and signed by the party so devising the same, or by some other person in his presence, and by his express directions, and shall be attested and subscribed in the presence of the said devisor, by three or four credible witnesses, or else they shall be utterly void and of none effect.

302. No devise in writing of lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any clause thereof, shall be revocable otherwise than by some other will or codicil in writing, or other writing declaring the same; or burning, cancelling, tearing or obliterating the same by the testator himself, or in his presence and by his directions and consent; but all devises and bequests of lands and tenements shall remain and continue in force until the same be burnt, cancelled, torn or obliterated by the testator or his directions in manner aforesaid, or unless the same be altered by some other will or codicil in writing, or other writing of the devisor, signed in the presence of three or four witnesses, declaring the same.

303. No will in writing concerning any goods or chattels, or personal estate, shall be repealed, nor shall any clause, devise, or bequest therein be altered or changed by word of mouth only, except the same be in the lifetime of the testator committed to writing, and after the writing thereof read unto the testator and allowed by him, and proved to be so done by three witnesses at the least.