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## **INDIAN MAJORITY ACT, 1875**

An Act to amend the law respecting the age of majority.

#### Preamble.

WHEREAS, in the case of persons domiciled in India it is expedient to specify the age of Majority; It is hereby enacted as follows-

#### 1. Short title.

This Act may be called the Indian Majority Act, 1875.

Local extent, commencement and operation- It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and it shall come into force and have effect only on the expiration of three months from the passing thereof.

## 2. Savings.

Nothing herein contained shall affect-

- (a) the capacity of any person to act in the following matters (namely)-marriage, dower, divorce and adoption;
- (b) the religion or religious rites and usages of any class of citizens of India; or

(c) the capacity of any person who before this Act comes into force has attained majority under the law applicable to him.

## 3. Age of majority of persons domiciled in India.

- (1) Every person domiciled in India shall attain the age of majority on his completing the age of eighteen years and not before.
- (2) In computing the age of any person, the day on which he was born is to be included as a whole day and he shall be deemed to have attained majority at the beginning of the eighteenth anniversary of that day.

## 4. Age of majority how computed.

In computing the age of any person, the day on which he was born is to be included as a whole day, and he shall be deemed to have attained majority, if he falls within the first paragraph of section 3, at the beginning of the twenty-first anniversary of that day, and if he falls within the second paragraph of Section 3, at the beginning of the eighteenth anniversary of that day.

#### Illustrations-

- (a) Z is born in India on the first day of January 1850, and has an Indian domicile. A guardian of his person is appointed by a Court of Justice. Z attains majority at the first moment of the first day of January 1871.
- (b) Z is born in India on the twenty-ninth day of February 1852, and has an Indian domicile. A guardian of his

property is appointed by a Court of Justice. Z attains majority at the first moment of the twenty-eighth day of February 1873.

(c) Z is born on the first day of January 1850. He acquires a domicile in India. No guardian is appointed of his person or property by any Court of Justice, nor is he under the jurisdiction of any Court of Wards. Z attains majority at the first moment of the first day of January 1868.

This is it. Indian Majority Act is a tiny act. You can understand almost everything that the act says by one line-"The Majority Act of 1875 states that every person domiciled in India shall attain the age of majority on completion of 18 years and not before."

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