

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0157

ENROLLED ACT NO. 29, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to property conveyances; abolishing the doctrine of worthier title; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 34-1-137 is amended to read:

34-1-137. Fees tail prohibited; future interests of fees tail; worthier title doctrine abolished.

(a) The creation of fees tail is not permitted. The use in an otherwise effective conveyance of property of language appropriate to create a fee tail, creates a fee simple in the person who would have taken a fee tail. Any future interest limited upon such an interest is a limitation upon the fee simple and its validity is determined accordingly.

(b) The doctrine of worthier title is abolished as a rule of law and as a rule of construction. Language in a will, trust agreement, beneficiary designation or other governing instrument describing the beneficiaries of a disposition as "heirs," "heirs at law," "next of kin," "distributees," "relatives" or "family" or language of similar import, does not create or presumptively create a reversionary interest in the transferor.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2011.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk