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A **LAW** to abolish those seignorial rights from which financial advantage accrues and to make provision in related matters

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

1 Abolition of seignorial rights

- (1) The following seignorial rights are abolished –
 - (a) the right of the *année de succession*;
 - (b) the right to the possession of property during a *décret*.
- (2) Whereas divers fiefs in Jersey belong to His Majesty, the States have resolved humbly to pray that His Most Excellent Majesty in Council may be pleased to consent to the application of this Article to those fiefs.¹

2 Escheat, waifs and wreck²

The following rights heretofore vested in Seigneurs de Fiefs shall vest in His Majesty –

- (a) rights to property by escheat (*déshérence*);
- (b) rights to waifs or strays (*choses gaives*), wrecks of the sea, flotsam, jetsam and lagan (*varech*).

3 Abolition of restriction on alienation or division of land or *rentes* in relation to feudal services

Any restriction imposed on the alienation or division of land or *rentes* for the purpose of securing the performance of the services of *prévot*, *sergent*, *bedel*, *halberdier* or any other feudal service is abolished.

4 Amendment in relation to contracts

In all contracts of alienation or division of land, the vintaine of the parish, instead of the fief, where the land is situated shall be stated.

5 Abolition of tavernage dues

Tavernage dues are abolished.

6 Citation

This Law may be cited as the Seignorial Rights (Abolition) (Jersey) Law 1966.

ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
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Table of Renumbered Provisions

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6	spent, omitted from this revised edition
7	spent, omitted from this revised edition
8	6
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- ¹ Article 1(2) revised on 11 January 2024 by Law Revision Board item [2023/1](#)
² Article 2 revised on 11 January 2024 by Law Revision Board item [2023/1](#)