

**ACT**  
**of 4 February 2011**  
**PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW**

(Dziennik Ustaw 2011, No. 80, item 432)

**Chapter 1. General Provisions**

**Article 1.** This Act regulates the governing law for private law relationships linked to more than one state.

**Article 2.** 1. Where statutory law provides that the national law shall be governing, a Polish citizen shall fall under the Polish law notwithstanding the fact that, under the law of another state, he or she would be considered a citizen of said state.

2. The national law of a foreigner who has a citizenship of two or more states shall be the law of the state with which he or she has the closest links.

3. If the statutory law provides that the governing law shall depend on whether certain persons are citizens of the same state, it shall be sufficient for such requirement to be deemed fulfilled if the law of such state recognizes such persons as its citizens.

**Article 3.** 1. Where the statutory law provides that the national law shall be governing but the citizenship of a given person cannot be established or a person does not have citizenship of any state or the substance of the national law cannot be established, the law of the state in which their place of residence is situated shall apply; if there is no place of residence, the law of the state in which the place of their ordinary stay is situated shall apply.

2. The provision of paragraph 1 shall accordingly apply to a person who acquired protection in a state other than their home state in connection with the fact that their bonds with the home state have been permanently broken due to the infringements of essential human rights in such state.

**Article 4.** 1. In the cases stipulated by this Act, the governing law may be chosen.

2. The choice of law shall be express or it shall unambiguously result from the circumstances of the case, unless the provision admitting the choice of law states otherwise.

3. The choice of law made after the legal relationship has arisen shall not violate third party rights.