

**RCW 11.95A.370 Exercise of power in favor of holder—**

**Applicability.** (1)(a) RCW 11.95A.350 and 11.95A.355 respectively apply to a power of appointment created:

(i) Under a will, codicil, trust agreement, or declaration of trust, deed, power of attorney, or other instrument executed after July 25, 1993, unless the terms of the instrument refer specifically to RCW 11.95A.350 or 11.95A.355 respectively and provide expressly to the contrary; or

(ii) Under a testamentary trust, trust agreement, or declaration of trust executed before July 25, 1993, unless:

(A) The trust is revoked, or amended to provide otherwise, and the terms of any amendment specifically refer to RCW 11.95A.350 or 11.95A.355, respectively, and provide expressly to the contrary;

(B) All parties in interest, as defined in RCW 11.98.240(3), elect affirmatively, in the manner prescribed in RCW 11.98.240(4), not to be subject to the application of this subsection. The election must be made by the later of September 1, 2000, or three years after the date on which the trust becomes irrevocable; or

(C) A person entitled to judicial proceedings for a declaration of rights or legal relations under RCW 11.96A.080 obtains a judicial determination that the application of this subsection (1)(a)(ii) to the trust is inconsistent with the provisions or purposes of the will or trust.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this subsection, for the purposes of this section a codicil to a will, an amendment to a trust, or an amendment to another instrument that created the power of appointment in question shall not be deemed to cause that instrument to be executed after July 25, 1993, unless the codicil or amendment clearly shows an intent to have RCW 11.95A.350 or 11.95A.355 apply.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, RCW 11.95A.350 through 11.95A.375 shall apply to a power of appointment created under a will, codicil, trust agreement, or declaration of trust, deed, power of attorney, or other instrument executed prior to July 25, 1993, if the person who created the power of appointment had on July 25, 1993, the power to revoke, amend, or modify the instrument creating the power of appointment, unless:

(a) The terms of the instrument specifically refer to RCW 11.95A.350 or 11.95A.355 respectively and provide expressly to the contrary; or

(b) The person creating the power of appointment was not competent, on July 25, 1993, to revoke, amend, or modify the instrument creating the power of appointment and did not regain his or her competence to revoke, amend, or modify the instrument creating the power of appointment on or before his or her death or before the time at which the instrument could no longer be revoked, amended, or modified by the person.

(3) For purposes of this section, a reference in an instrument to:

(a) RCW 11.95.100 is a reference to RCW 11.95A.350; and

(b) RCW 11.95.110 is a reference to RCW 11.95A.355. [2021 c 140 s 3609; 1999 c 42 s 617; 1997 c 252 s 74; 1993 c 339 s 11. Formerly RCW 11.95.140.]

**Effective date—1999 c 42:** See RCW 11.96A.902.

**Severability—1993 c 339:** See note following RCW 11.98.200.