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Abstract: Rules of intestacy contained in the Polish Civil Code were substantially transformed by the Act of 2nd April 2009 (in force since 28th June 2009). The Act made deceased person’s grandparents, their descendants and children of deceased person’s spouse, statutory heirs and modified rules of succession by deceased person’s parents and their descendants. The Act of 18th March 2011 (in force since 23rd October 2011) rectified additionally some ambiguities concerning succession by deceased person’s spouse concurrently with deceased person’s parent. In accordance with new rules the next of kin (up to deceased person’s grandparents and their descendants) and surviving spouse of the deceased person are this person’s statutory heirs. If neither the surviving spouse nor any kindred acquire the inheritance as statutory heirs deceased person’s stepchildren take the inheritance. If neither the surviving spouse nor any kindred or stepchild acquire the inheritance as statutory heirs the inheritance passes to the local community of deceased person or to the State Treasury.