



Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 23

PART IV

THE CROWN COURT

52 Crown Court rules.

[^{F1}(1) Subject to any statutory provision, Crown Court rules may be made in accordance with section 53A for the purpose of regulating and prescribing—]

- (a) the practice and procedure to be followed in the Crown Court; and
- (b) the form and content of indictments,

and in this or any other statutory provision having effect in Northern Ireland “Crown Court rules” means rules so made.

- (2) Sections 1 and 2 of the ^{M1}Indictments Act (Northern Ireland) 1945 shall cease to have effect on such date as may be appointed in Crown Court rules made for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1)(b).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 52(1) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(2), 148(1), [Sch. 5 para. 26](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 12(a)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 52](#) extended (4.7.1996) by [1996 c. 25](#), s. 79, [Sch. 4 para.12](#) (with [s.78\(1\)](#))

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1945 c. 16 \(N.I.\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, Section 52 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 14(1)(1A) substituted for s. 14(1) by [2002 c. 26 Sch. 12 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 repealed (3.4.2006) without ever being in force by 2005 c. 4, Sch. 5 para. 125, Sch. 18 Pt. 3; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 12(f), 30(c))
- s. 106(3A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 89\(1\)](#)