



# Northern Ireland Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 47

### PART III

#### EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES

##### *Authorities*

#### **19 Junior Ministers.**

- (1) The First Minister and the deputy First Minister acting jointly may at any time determine—
  - (a) that a number of members of the Assembly specified in the determination shall be appointed as junior Ministers in accordance with such procedures for their appointment as are so specified; and
  - (b) that the functions exercisable by virtue of each junior Ministerial office shall be those specified in relation to that office in the determination.
- (2) Procedures specified in a determination under this section may apply such formulae or other rules as the First Minister and the deputy First Minister consider appropriate.
- (3) A determination under this section shall—
  - (a) make provision as to the circumstances in which a junior Minister shall cease to hold office, and for the filling of vacancies; and
  - (b) provide that a junior Minister shall not take up office until he has affirmed the terms of the pledge of office.
- (4) A determination under this section shall not take effect until it has been approved by a resolution of the Assembly.
- (5) Where a determination under this section takes effect—
  - (a) any junior Ministers previously appointed shall cease to hold office; and
  - (b) the procedures specified in the determination shall be applied within a period specified in standing orders.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland Act 1998, Section 19. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 19(3)(a) applied (12.2.2000) by 2000 c. 1, s. 3(7)(b); S.I. 2000/396, art. 2

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