

*These notes refer to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act
2002 (c.26) which received Royal Assent on 24th July 2002*

JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 1: the Judiciary

Appointment and Removal

Section 7: Removal from listed judicial offices

23. This section gives the First Minister and deputy First Minister the power to remove a person holding a judicial office listed in Schedule 1 for misbehaviour or inability to perform the functions of the office, but only on the basis of the recommendation of a tribunal convened under section 8 and only with the agreement of the Lord Chief Justice.
24. This section also provides for the First Minister and deputy First Minister to suspend persons from judicial offices pending a decision on their removal, if a tribunal recommends this and the Lord Chief Justice agrees.