



Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 26

PART 3

OTHER NEW INSTITUTIONS

Law Commission

[^{F1}52 Reports etc.

- (1) The Commission must send to the Department of Justice a copy of—
 - (a) each programme prepared by the Commission and approved by the Department of Justice,
 - (b) each set of proposals for reform formulated by the Commission pursuant to such a programme, and
 - (c) each annual report of the Commission.
- (2) The Department of Justice must lay before the Northern Ireland Assembly a copy of each document received by it under subsection (1).
- (3) The Commission must send to the Secretary of State a copy of—
 - (a) any programme prepared by the Commission and approved by the Department of Justice which includes—
 - (i) the examination of any branch of law relating (in whole or in part) to a reserved matter or an excepted matter, or
 - (ii) the consolidation or repeal of legislation relating (in whole or in part) to a reserved matter or an excepted matter,
 - (b) any set of proposals for reform formulated by the Commission pursuant to an approved programme which relate (in whole or in part) to a reserved matter or an excepted matter, and
 - (c) any annual report of the Commission which contains anything relevant to a reserved matter or an excepted matter.

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- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a copy of each document received by the Secretary of State under subsection (3).
- (5) After a copy of a document has been—
- (a) laid before the Assembly in accordance with subsection (2), and
 - (b) if so required by subsection (4), laid before Parliament in accordance with that subsection,
- the Commission must arrange for the document to be published.
- (6) In this section “reserved matter” and “excepted matter” have the meanings given by section 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.
- (7) Section 41(3) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 applies for the purposes of subsection (2) in relation to the laying of a copy of a document as it applies in relation to the laying of a statutory document under an enactment.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 52 substituted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 13 para. 10** (with arts. 28-31)

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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. 31(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(7) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(4\)](#)