

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005  
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

# CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Supplementary*

#### *Section 22: Transfers: supplementary*

57. [Section 22](#) applies where a function of the Lord Chancellor is transferred to another person under the Act itself, or by an order made under section 19. Its purpose is to ensure that there will be a smooth transition when the function is transferred. It therefore provides for the continuing validity of actions relating to the function taken before the transfer. . References to the Lord Chancellor, his Department or any officer of his Department that occur in Acts or other instruments are to be read as referring to the person who will undertake the function in the future or his department or officers (as appropriate). Legal proceedings involving the Lord Chancellor in relation to a function which is transferred can be continued by or against the person who assumes the function. Printed documents and forms that relate to a transferred function also continue to be valid despite references to the Lord Chancellor, his Department or his staff. Subsection (2) provides that where Her Majesty will in future perform a function of the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chancellor will still continue any associated action in relation to that function.