

*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

#### **Part 3 Duty to Convene Commission: Special Rules**

##### **Supplementary**

##### ***Section 58: Northern Ireland Act 1998: excepted and reserved matters relating to the Supreme Court***

201. This section relates to the status of the UK Supreme Court under the Northern Ireland Act 1998. It provides that the Supreme Court is to be an excepted matter but that rights of appeal to the Supreme Court and legal aid for such appeals are to be reserved matters. In so doing it ensures that the position of the UK Supreme Court reflects the current status of the judicial function of the House of Lords.