

*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

#### *Schedule 12: The Judicial Appointments Commission*

##### **Part 1 The Commissioners**

##### *Paragraph 7 Selection of Commissioners*

229. [Paragraph 7](#) provides that in appointing the three senior judicial members of the Commission (the judges drawn from the Court of Appeal and the High Court) the Lord Chancellor may recommend to Her Majesty only people selected by the Judges' Council, which must give reasons for its selection. The Judges' Council is defined as the body designated for that purpose by the Lord Chief Justice. Other Commissioners will be appointed after being selected by a panel convened by the Lord Chancellor. Paragraph 7(2) provides the Lord Chancellor may only recommend people as the other 12 Commissioners if he has appointed a panel for the purposes of selection of Commissioners and they have been selected by that panel. Provision about the composition of the panel is made in paragraph 8.