

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

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 14: the Judicial Appointments Commission: relevant functions and offices

Section 86: Duty to fill vacancies

295. **Section 86** imposes a duty on the Lord Chancellor to fill vacancies in the office of puisne judge of the High Court and the other offices listed in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 14. But, whilst the Lord Chief Justice agrees, the Lord Chancellor can leave any such vacancy unfilled.