



# Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 6

### *Juries*

#### **13 Abolition of peremptory challenge in criminal cases**

- (1) Article 15 of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (challenges in criminal cases) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (1), omit sub-paragraph (a) (including the word “and” at the end).
- (3) In paragraph (2), for “shall challenge only” substitute “may challenge any juror or jurors”.
- (4) After paragraph (4) insert—
  - “(5) In addition and without prejudice to any powers which the court may possess to order the exclusion of the public from any proceedings, the judge may order that the hearing of a challenge for cause shall be in camera or in chambers.”