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**NORTHERN IRELAND
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

**The Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll)
Order 2003**

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

<i>Made - - - - -</i>	<i>21st October 2003</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>22nd October 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force - -</i>	<i>22nd October 2003</i>

Whereas the Secretary of State considers it expedient for this Order to be made without a draft having been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 31(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(a) hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

2. The date of the poll for the election of the Assembly next following the Assembly elected under section 2 of the Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998(b) (and dissolved on 28th April 2003) shall be 26th November 2003.

Northern Ireland Office
21st October 2003

Paul Murphy
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

(a) 1998 c. 47; section 31(2) was substituted by section 1(2) of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (c. 12).
(b) 1998 c. 12.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 31(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, as substituted by section 1(2) of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003, the date of the poll for the next election of the Northern Ireland Assembly is that specified by the Secretary of State by order. This Order accordingly provides for the poll to be held on 26th November 2003.

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