



# Habeas Corpus Act (Ireland) 1781 (I)

1781 CHAPTER 11 21 and 22 Geo 3

An Act for better securing the Liberty of the Subject.

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act extended by [Habeas Corpus Act 1816 \(c. 100\), s. 6](#)
- C2** Jurisdiction of Courts of Chancery, Kings Bench, Exchequer and Common Pleas now exercisable by High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland and functions of barons of the Exchequer transferred to Judges of that Court: [Supreme Court of Judicature Act \(Ireland\) 1877 \(c. 57\), ss. 4, 6, 21\(1\), 36](#), [Supreme Court of Judicature \(Ireland\) \(No. 2\) Act 1897 \(c. 66\), s. 1](#), [Government of Ireland Act 1920 \(c. 67\)](#) ss. 38, 40, 41, S.R.&O. 1921/1802, 1804 (Rev. XVI, pp. 954, 967: 1921 pp. 1332, 422) and [Judicature \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1978 \(c. 23\), ss. 2\(2\), 12\(1\), 16\(2\), Sch. 5 para. 1](#)
- C3** Sheriff to be construed as under-sheriff: S.R.&O. 1922/42 (1922, p. 1005), art. 3
- C4** Judicial functions of Lord Chancellor transferred to Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland or in his absence the Senior Lord Justice of Appeal and executive functions transferred to Secretary of State: [Interpretation Act 1889 \(c. 63\), s. 12\(1\)](#), [Government of Ireland Act 1920 \(c. 67\), s. 44\(2\)](#), [Irish Free State \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1922 \(13 Geo. 5 Sess. 2 c. 2\), Schs. 1, 2](#), S.R.&O. 1921/1802, 1804 (Rev. XVI, pp. 954, 967: 1921, pp. 1332, 442) 1927/342 (Rev. XVI, p. 966: 1927, p. 1744) and [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\), Sch. 5](#)
- C5** Functions of justices of the peace transferred to resident magistrates: [Summary Jurisdiction and Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1935 \(c. 13\), s. 3](#) and [Magistrates' Courts Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1964 \(c. 21\)](#)
- C6** Short title given by [Short Titles Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1951 \(c. 1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Habeas Corpus Act (Ireland) 1781 (I), Introductory Text.