

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Single Jurisdiction for County Courts and Magistrates' Courts

Section 1: Single jurisdiction: abolition of county court divisions and petty sessions districts

This section creates a single territorial jurisdiction for the county courts and magistrates' courts by providing that:

- Northern Ireland is no longer to be divided into county court divisions and petty sessions districts; and
- the courts' jurisdiction and powers are exercisable throughout Northern Ireland.