



Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 23

PART I

CONSTITUTION OF THE [F1COURT OF JUDICATURE] OF NORTHERN IRELAND

14 Vacation of office.

- (1) The Lord Chief Justice, a Lord Justice of Appeal or a judge of the High Court may vacate his office by resignation in writing under his hand addressed to [F1Her Majesty].
- (2) The High Court and the Court of Appeal shall be deemed to be duly constituted during and notwithstanding any vacancy in the office of any judge of either court.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) shall affect the operation of section 12 of the M1Administration of Justice Act 1973 (retirement of higher judiciary in the event of incapacity).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 14(1) substituted (12.4.2010) by [Northern Ireland Act 2009 \(c. 3\), s. 5\(7\), Sch. 4 para. 14](#) (with [Sch. 5 para. 16](#)); [S.I. 2010/812, art. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1973 c. 15.](#)

Changes to legislation:

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, Section 14 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 14(1)(1A) substituted for s. 14(1) by [2002 c. 26 Sch. 12 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 5 repealed (3.4.2006) without ever being in force by 2005 c. 4, Sch. 5 para. 125, Sch. 18 Pt. 3; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 12(f), 30(c))
- s. 106(3A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 89\(1\)](#)