



# Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 23

### PART IV

#### THE CROWN COURT

##### [<sup>F1</sup> 53A Making of Crown Court rules

(1) It is for the Crown Court Rules Committee to make Crown Court rules.

[ For the purposes of this section, “relevant authority” means—

- <sup>F2</sup>(1A) (a) in relation to Crown Court rules which deal (or would deal) with an excepted matter, the Lord Chancellor; and  
(b) otherwise, the Department of Justice;

and for the purposes of this subsection “deal with” and “excepted matter” have the same meanings as in the Northern Ireland Act 1998.]

(2) After making Crown Court rules the Committee must submit them to the [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority].

(3) The [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority] must allow or disallow Crown Court rules submitted to [<sup>F4</sup>it].

(4) Crown Court rules have effect only if allowed by the [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority].

(5) If the [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority] disallows Crown Court rules, the [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority] must give the Committee written reasons why [<sup>F5</sup>it] has disallowed them.

(6) Subsection (7) applies if the [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority] gives the Committee written notice that [<sup>F5</sup>it] thinks it is expedient for Crown Court rules to include provision that would achieve a purpose specified in the notice.

(7) The Committee must make such Crown Court rules as it considers necessary to achieve the specified purpose.

(8) Those Crown Court rules must be—

- (a) made within a reasonable period after the [<sup>F3</sup>relevant authority] gives notice under subsection (6);

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(b) made in accordance with this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 53A inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(2), 148(1), **Sch. 5 para. 28**; [S. I. 2006/1014](#), **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 12(a)
- F2** S. 53A(1A) inserted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), **Sch. 18 para. 14(a)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F3** Words in s. 53A substituted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), **Sch. 18 para. 14(b)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F4** Word in s. 53A(3) substituted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), **Sch. 18 para. 14(c)** (with arts. 28-31)
- F5** Word in s. 53A(5)(6) substituted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), **Sch. 18 para. 14(d)** (with arts. 28-31)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 53A transfer of functions (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 17 para. 6(c)** (with arts. 28-31)

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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\(1\)](#)