



# Criminal Evidence Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 16

An Act to amend paragraph (f)(iii) of the proviso to section 1 of the Criminal Evidence Act 1898 and corresponding enactments extending to Scotland and Northern Ireland. [22nd March 1979]

### **1 Amendment of section 1 of Criminal Evidence Act 1898, etc., and transitional provision.**

- (1) In paragraph (f)(iii) of the proviso to each of the following enactments, that is to say, section 1 of the Criminal Evidence Act 1898, <sup>F1</sup> . . . and section 1 of the Criminal Evidence Act (Northern Ireland) 1923 (under which an accused person who has given evidence against another person charged with the same offence may be cross-examined about his previous convictions and his bad character), for the words “with the same offence” there shall be substituted the words “in the same proceedings”.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) above, a person charged with any offence who, before the coming into force of this Act, has given evidence against any other person charged in the same proceedings shall not by reason of that fact be asked or required to answer any question which he could not have been asked and required to answer but for that subsection.

#### **Annotations:**

##### **Amendments (Textual)**

**F1** Words in s. 1(1) repealed (S.) (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, ss. 6, 7(2), Sch. 5 (with Sch. 3 Part 1 para. 1)

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

**C1** The text of s. 1(1) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

### **2 Short title and commencement.**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Evidence Act 1979.

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- (2) This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of one month beginning with the date on which it is passed.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1 text amended by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 5](#)

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

- Act repealed by [S.I. 2004/1501 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Criminal Evidence Act 1979:**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2004/3033 art. 2-4](#) commences ([2003 c. 44](#))
- [S.R. 2006/63 art. 2](#) commences ([S.I. 2004/1501 \(N.I.\)](#))