

SCHEDULES

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THE NORTHERN IRELAND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Commissioners' tenure

- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, a Commissioner shall hold office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (2) A Commissioner shall not be appointed—
- (a) in the case of the Chief Commissioner, for more than five years at a time; and
 - (b) in any other case, for more than three years at a time.
- (3) A person may resign as a Commissioner or as Chief Commissioner by notice in writing to the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State may dismiss a person from his office as Commissioner or Chief Commissioner if satisfied—
- (a) that he has without reasonable excuse failed to discharge his functions for a continuous period of three months beginning not earlier than six months before the day of dismissal;
 - (b) that he has been convicted of a criminal offence;
 - (c) that a bankruptcy order has been made against him, or his estate has been sequestrated, or he has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his creditors; or
 - (d) that he is unable or unfit to carry out his functions.