



# Northern Ireland Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 47

### PART II

#### LEGISLATIVE POWERS

##### *Scrutiny and stages of Bills*

#### 11 Scrutiny by the [<sup>F1</sup>Supreme Court].

- (1) The Attorney General for Northern Ireland may refer the question of whether a provision of a Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly to the [<sup>F2</sup>Supreme Court] for decision.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), he may make a reference in relation to a provision of a Bill at any time during—
  - (a) the period of four weeks beginning with the passing of the Bill; and
  - (b) the period of four weeks beginning with any subsequent approval of the Bill in accordance with standing orders made by virtue of section 13(6).
- (3) If he notifies the Presiding Officer that he does not intend to make a reference in relation to a provision of a Bill, he shall not make such a reference unless, after the notification, the Bill is approved as mentioned in subsection (2)(b).
- (4) If the [<sup>F3</sup>Supreme Court decides] that any provision of a Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly, [<sup>F4</sup>its decision] shall be taken as applying also to that provision if contained in the Act when enacted.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in sidenote of s. 11 substituted (1.10.2009) by virtue of [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 40, 148, [Sch. 9 para. 109\(1\)](#); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2\(a\)\(d\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 11(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 40, 148, [Sch. 9 para. 109\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2\(a\)\(d\)](#)

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| <p><b>F3</b> Words in s. 11(4) substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40, 148, <b>Sch. 9 para. 109(3)(a)</b>; S.I. 2009/1604, <b>art. 2(a)(d)</b></p> <p><b>F4</b> Words in s. 11(4) substituted (1.10.2009) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 40, 148, <b>Sch. 9 para. 109(3)(b)</b>; S.I. 2009/1604, <b>art. 2(a)(d)</b></p> |
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