

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2001  
(c.19) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

# **ARMED FORCES ACT 2001**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 6 – Other amendments**

##### **Qualification for appointment as a judicial officer**

137. Before this Act, the SDAs specified that a person might be appointed as a judicial officer if he was qualified to be appointed as a judge advocate or if he had had, for a minimum of five years, rights and duties in a Commonwealth country or colony similar to a barrister or solicitor in England or Wales and was subject to punishment for breach of professional rules. Paragraphs 35 and 36 widen the range of eligible persons to allow persons in Commonwealth countries and colonies with functions equivalent to certain types of judges in England and Wales to be appointed as judicial officers as well.