

*These notes refer to the Courts Act 2003 (c.39)
which received Royal Assent on 20 November 2003*

COURTS ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BACKGROUND

Register of Judgments etc and execution of writs

High Court Writs of Execution

223. Although High Sheriffs are unpaid volunteers whose duties are mainly social and ceremonial, they also have nominal responsibility for High Court enforcement in the area to which they are appointed. High Sheriffs appoint and delegate these duties to an Under Sheriff and Sheriffs Officers who carry out the day to day involvement in High Court enforcement work. Following the publication of the Green Paper: *Towards Effective Enforcement* in July 2001 and reports by the Advisory Group on Enforcement Service Delivery, the Government decided that the current system was unsatisfactory and placed an onerous responsibility on volunteers. Section 99 and Schedule 7 provide for a new system of High Court enforcement.