

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

COURTS ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Provisions relating to Northern Ireland

Section 102: Power to alter judicial titles: Northern Ireland

370. This section provides the Lord Chancellor with a power to amend the judicial titles listed (the list encompasses all of the judicial titles in the Supreme Court and county courts in Northern Ireland) in the future should the need arise. Some titles may need modernisation, to make them more helpfully explanatory to court users. The acceptance commanded by titles containing a presumption of male gender might also change. Such orders may only be made following consultation with the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland. Section 64 makes similar provision for England and Wales.