

*These notes refer to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33)  
which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004*

# CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4 – Civil Partnership: Northern Ireland**

##### **Introduction**

##### *Chapter 2 – Dissolution, Nullity and Other Proceedings*

##### *Section 184: Supplementary provisions as to declarations*

348. This section provides for family proceedings rules (defined in *subsection (8)*) to determine the form of an application for a declaration under section 181, and of the declaration itself. The rules may provide for the information to be supplied by the applicant and for notice of the application to be served on the Attorney General and on persons who may be affected by the declaration, and must make provision for an appeal to the Court of Appeal from any declaration made by a county court under section 181 or the dismissal of an application under that section.
349. *Subsection (3)* provides that no proceedings under section 181 will affect any final order or judgment already given. *Subsection (4)* provides that the court may direct that the whole or part of any application under section 181 may be heard in private (and by *subsection (5)* any application for such a direction must itself be heard in private unless the court directs otherwise).