



Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923

1923 CHAPTER 20

8 Power to make rules as to disposal of valueless documents.

- (1) The Minister of Finance, with such approval as is hereinafter in this section mentioned, may, if he thinks fit, make rules respecting the disposal by destruction or otherwise of documents which are deposited in or can under this Act be removed to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland as Northern Ireland records, and which are not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the said Public Record Office. Such rules shall—
 - (a) so far as they relate to documents of any court, be made with the approval of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland; and
 - (b) so far as they relate to documents removed or about to be removed to the said Public Record Office from any Government department or public office in Northern Ireland, be made with the approval of the head of such department or the principal officer of such office.
- (2) Before the power of disposal given by this section is exercised as to any documents, the Minister of Finance shall cause a schedule to be prepared of the documents proposed to be disposed of, showing a list of these documents and such particulars as to their character and contents as may be calculated to enable the Houses of Parliament to judge of the expediency of disposing of such documents in the proposed manner. Where there are several documents of the same class or description, it shall be sufficient to classify them, as far as practicable, according to their nature and contents, instead of specifying each document separately. Such schedule shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and if, during the next ten^{F1} days on which either House shall sit, a resolution is passed by either House requiring the preservation of any scheduled record, such record shall not be disposed of.
- (3) No rule made in pursuance of this section shall provide for the disposal of any documents of older date than the year eighteen hundred.
- (4) Every rule made in pursuance of this section shall^{F2} be subject to negative resolution].

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F1 [1954 c.33 \(NI\)](#), see 1979 NI 12

F2 SI 1999/663

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