

SCHEDULES

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JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

PART 2

DIVERSITY

Diversity considerations where candidates for judicial office are of equal merit

9 In section 27 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (selection for appointment to Supreme Court to be on merit etc) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) Where two persons are of equal merit—

- (a) section 159 of the Equality Act 2010 (positive action: recruitment etc) does not apply in relation to choosing between them, but
- (b) Part 5 of that Act (public appointments etc) does not prevent the commission from preferring one of them over the other for the purpose of increasing diversity within the group of persons who are the judges of the Court.”