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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 1110**

**The Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000**

**PART III**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Additional Commissioners of the Equality Commission**

**18.**—(1) In Schedule 8 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Equality Commission) after paragraph 3 there shall be inserted—

*“Additional Commissioners*

**3A.**—(1) Paragraph 2(1) and (2) shall apply to additional Commissioners as they apply to Commissioners.

(2) The Commission may pay, or make such payments towards the provision of, such remuneration, allowances (including allowances for expenses), pensions or gratuities to or in respect of an additional Commissioner as the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, may determine.

(3) The Commission may not alter the terms of appointment of an additional Commissioner except with his consent and the approval of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

(4) An additional Commissioner may resign by notice in writing to the Commission.

(5) The Commission may, with the approval of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, terminate the appointment of an additional Commissioner if satisfied—

- (a) that without reasonable excuse he has failed to discharge his functions for a continuous period of three months beginning not earlier than six months before the termination;
- (b) that he has been convicted of a criminal offence;
- (c) that a bankruptcy order has been made against him, or his estate has been sequestrated, or he has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his creditors; or
- (d) that he is unable or unfit to carry out his functions.

(6) The appointment of an additional Commissioner shall terminate at the conclusion of the investigation for which he was appointed, if not sooner.

(7) In this paragraph “additional Commissioner” means an additional Commissioner appointed under—

- (a) Article 57(2) of the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976;
- (b) Article 46(2) of the Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997; or

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, Section 18. (See end of Document for details)

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(c) Article 5(4) of the Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000.”.

(2) In that Schedule in paragraph 8 after sub-paragraph (1) (procedure) there shall be inserted—

“(1A) Nothing in sub-paragraph (1) prejudices the power of the Commission to appoint additional Commissioners under any provision mentioned in paragraph 3A(7).” .

(3) In Part III of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (disqualifying offices) there shall be inserted at the appropriate place in alphabetical order—

“Additional Commissioner of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.”.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, Section 18.