



# Administration of Justice Act 1969

## 1969 CHAPTER 58

An Act to increase the jurisdiction of county courts and to amend the County Courts Act 1959; to make further provision for appeals from the High Court (whether in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland) to the House of Lords; to enable wills and codicils to be made for mentally disordered persons; to make provision for interim payments to be made where proceedings are pending, and for conferring powers to be exercisable by the court before the commencement of an action, and to make further provision with respect to interest on damages; to enable any jurisdiction of the High Court to be assigned to two or more Divisions concurrently; to enable the Appeal Tribunals under the Patents Act 1949 and the Registered Designs Act 1949 to consist of two or more judges; to change the title and qualification of clerks to registrars of the Chancery Division; to make further provision with respect to miscellaneous matters, that is to say, certain employments in the offices of the Supreme Court, records of grants of probate and grants of administration and the making of second and subsequent grants, admission as a public notary, pension rights and related matters in connection with certain judicial offices, and the stipend and fees of the Chancellor of the County Palatine of Durham; to extend the legislative power of the Parliament of Northern Ireland with respect to grand juries and indictments; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

[22nd October 1969]

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### **Editorial Information**

- X1** The text of sections 12–16, 20, 21, 29, 34, 36 was taken from SIF group 37 (Courts: Supreme Court, England and Wales); the text of sections 12–16, 20, 21, 29, 34, 36 was taken from group 38 (Courts: Supreme Court, Northern Ireland); provisions omitted from S.I.F. have been dealt with as referred to in other commentary

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### **Extent Information**

- E1** For the extent of this Act, in relation to the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Colonies, see [s. 36](#)

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### **Commencement Information**

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 36\(5\)](#); Act wholly in force at 1.1.1970

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Administration of Justice Act 1969, Introductory Text.