



Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 11

7 **Duration of sections 3 and 4**

- (1) Section 3 shall cease to have effect at the end of May 1997.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order provide that section 3 shall—
 - (a) continue to have effect, or
 - (b) come into force again,until a time, not later than the end of May 1998, specified in the order.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order provide that section 3 shall cease to have effect at a time specified in the order (being a time earlier than the time at which it would cease to have effect by virtue of subsection (1) or (2)).
- (4) If it appears to the Secretary of State that the negotiations mentioned in section 1 are concluded or suspended, he shall by order under subsection (3) provide for section 3 to cease to have effect.
- (5) Section 4 shall cease to have effect at the end of May 1999.
- (6) An order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument; but no order shall be made unless a draft has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.