



# Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 26

### PART 5

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Royal Arms and flags*

#### **66 Display of Royal Arms at courts**

- (1) The Royal Arms must not be displayed in any courtroom.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not prevent the display of the Royal Arms anywhere in—
  - (a) the courtrooms in the Royal Courts of Justice in Belfast,
  - (b) the courtrooms in the Courthouse in Armagh,
  - (c) the courtroom in the Courthouse in Banbridge,
  - (d) Court No. 1 in the Courthouse in Downpatrick,
  - (e) the courtrooms in the Courthouse in Magherafelt, or
  - (f) the courtrooms in the Courthouse in Omagh,where they were displayed immediately before the coming into force of this section.
- (3) The Royal Arms must not be displayed—
  - (a) on the exterior of an existing court-house, or
  - (b) in any other place outside an existing court-house which is used for the purposes of the court-house,unless they were displayed there immediately before the coming into force of this section.
- (4) “Existing court-house” means a court-house which is in use before the coming into force of this section.
- (5) Any authorisation which would be required for the purpose of complying with this section is to be regarded as having been obtained.

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- (6) “Authorisation” includes any approval, consent, licence or permission (whether required by any enactment or instrument or otherwise).

## **67 Flying of flags at court-houses**

- (1) In Article 3(1) of the Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000/1347 (N.I. 3)) (power to make regulations about the flying of flags at government buildings), insert at the end “and court-houses”.
- (2) The Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. 2000 No. 347) (which were made in the exercise of that power) apply in relation to court-houses as they apply in relation to the government buildings specified in Part 1 of the Schedule to the Regulations (but subject to any amendment which may be made to the Regulations in the further exercise of that power).

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### **Commencement Information**

- II** [S. 67](#) in force at 12.4.2010 by [S.R. 2010/113](#), art. 2, [Sch. para. 15](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 31(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(2\)](#)
- s. 31(7) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 13 para. 5\(4\)](#)