

*These notes refer to the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (c.12) which received Royal Assent on 15 May 2003*

# **NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY (ELECTIONS AND PERIODS OF SUSPENSION) ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 6: Modification of enactments***

25. This section enables the Secretary of State to make consequential and connected modifications to legislation where necessary as a result of this Act or any provision made under it.
26. *Subsection (2)* makes clear that an order under *subsection (1)* may provide for any duties of the Chief Electoral Officer of Northern Ireland to be modified.
27. *Subsection (4)* defines the types of legislation that the Secretary of State can modify under subsection (1).
28. *Subsections (5) to (9)* provide that an order under *subsection (1)* must be approved by both Houses of Parliament unless the Secretary of State declares in the order that it is not expedient to do so. An order containing such a declaration is to be laid before Parliament after being made and will cease to have effect if it is not approved by each House within 40 days, without prejudice to anything done in the interim.