

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

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285. [Section 77](#) imposes a duty on the Lord Chancellor to fill any vacancy in the office of Lord Justice of Appeal. The Lord Chancellor can only decide not to fill a vacancy whilst the Lord Chief Justice agrees that it may remain unfilled.