



# Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 2

### *Executive formation*

#### **4 Transitional provision**

- (1) The amendments made by sections 1(2), (3) and (5) and 2(2) do not apply in a case where section 16A of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 applies as the result of an Assembly being elected before this Act comes into force.
- (2) The new provisions relating to vacancies in the office of First Minister or deputy First Minister—
  - (a) apply in relation to vacancies arising within the period of seven days ending when this Act comes into force, but
  - (b) do not otherwise apply in relation to vacancies arising before this Act comes into force.
- (3) For these purposes “the new provisions relating to vacancies in the office of First Minister or deputy First Minister” means—
  - (a) the amendment made by section 1(4),
  - (b) the new section 18(A1)(c) to be inserted into the Northern Ireland Act 1998 by section 2(3), and
  - (c) the new paragraph 3D(A1)(c) to be inserted into Schedule 4A to that Act by section 2(5).
- (4) The amendments made by section 3 do not apply where the duty of the Secretary of State under section 32(1) or (3) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 arises before this Act comes into force.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 4 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 9](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Act 2022, Section 4.