STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1885

SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Maximum Number of Judges Order 2015

Made - - - - 11th November 2015

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of November 2015

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

This Order is made in exercise of the power conferred by section 2(4) of the Senior Courts Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act")(**1**).

In accordance with section 2(4A)(**2**) of the 1981 Act, the Lord Chancellor has recommended to Her Majesty the making of this Order.

A draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with section 2(5) of the 1981 Act.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make the following Order:

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Maximum Number of Judges Order 2015 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Amendment of the Senior Courts Act 1981

2. In section 2(1)(b)(**3**) of the 1981 Act (the Court of Appeal), for "38" substitute "39".

(**1**) 1981 c. 54. Section 2(4) was amended by section 20 of, and paragraphs 12, 13(1) and (3) of Part 2, Schedule 13 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22).

(**2**) Section 2(4A) was inserted by section 15(1) of, and paragraphs 114, 115(1) and (4) of Part 1, Schedule 4 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4).

(**3**) Section 2(1)(b) was amended by section 20 of, and paragraphs 12, 13(1) and (2) of Part 2, Schedule 13 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22).