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JUDICATURE, NORTHERN IRELAND

JUVENILE COURTS AND ASSESSORS

Juvenile Courts and Assessors for County Courts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . 30*th March* 1979
Coming into operation . . . 18*th April* 1979
To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 178(3) of and Schedule 2 to the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(**a**), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Juvenile Courts and Assessors for County Courts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 18th April 1979.

Revocation

2. The Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (Juvenile Courts and Assessors for County Courts) Regulations 1969(**b**) are hereby revoked.

Juvenile courts

3. A juvenile court shall be constituted for each petty sessions district in Northern Ireland and have jurisdiction in the petty sessions district for which it is constituted.

4. The members of a panel who are to take part in the constitution of a juvenile court shall be selected by the clerk of that court in accordance with directions given by the Lord Chancellor.

5. The retiring age for a member of a panel shall be 70 years.

Assessors for county courts

6.—(1) Before a county court hears an appeal from a juvenile court the chief clerk for the county court division for which that county court is held shall make arrangements to secure:

(*a*) that the judge shall, where practicable, be assisted by two members of the appropriate juvenile court panels who shall sit with him and act as assessors;

(*b*) that, so far as practicable, of any two assessors assisting the judge one shall be a woman; and

(*c*) that no member from the juvenile court panel shall sit as assessor in any case upon which he has adjudicated in a juvenile court.

(a) 1968 c. 34 (N.I.)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 224 (p. 1021)