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COUNTY COURTS

County Court (Excusal of Jurors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made	*22nd July* 1975
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To be laid before Parliament	

The Secretary of State(a), in pursuance of section 146 of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(b), and article 6(8) of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974(c), on the recommendation of the County Court Rules Committee and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These rules may be cited as the County Court (Excusal of Jurors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1975.

Judge's powers to excuse jurors exercisable by clerk of the Crown and peace

2. The powers of the judge under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (7) of Article 6 of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 may, in relation to trials on indictment before the county court, be exercised by the clerk of the Crown and peace.

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
22nd July 1975

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These rules enable the clerk of the Crown and peace to exercise the powers of the judge under Article 6 of the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 to divide a panel of jurors into sections and also to excuse jurors from attendance on the grounds of hardship or ill health and where, on the calling over of the panel, it is found that a person is disqualified for or exempt from jury service to direct removal of his name from the Jurors List.

(a) Formerly the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland: *see* S.I. 1973/2163
(b) 1959 c. 25 (N.I.)
(c) S.I. 1974/2143 (N.I. 6)