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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968

Juvenile Courts and Assessors for County Courts

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND AUGUST 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 178(3) AND SCHEDULE 2 OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 178(3) and Schedule 2 of 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 Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (Juvenile Courts and Assessors for County Courts) Regulations 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1969.

Revocation

2. The Juvenile Courts (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1950(**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 of the Ministry given after considering any recommendation made to it under Regulation 5.

5. The members of each panel shall meet as often as may be necessary and, in any case, not less frequently than once a year to discuss any questions connected with the work of Juvenile Courts and to make any recommendations they may wish to the Ministry.

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

Assessors for County Courts

7. Before a County Court hears an appeal from a Juvenile Court the clerk of the first-mentioned court 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.) 1950, No. 37.