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BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

Short title, commencement, construction and collective citation.

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002.

(2) *Sections 13* to *21* shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular provision and different days may be so appointed for different provisions, but those sections or any provision of them shall not apply in relation to proceedings in any court instituted before the day so appointed in respect of the section concerned or the provision concerned.

(3) *Sections 22, 29* and *46* shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular provision and different days may be so appointed for different provisions.

(4) *Section 31* shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of January, 2002.

(5) *Section 39* to *43* shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 9th day of November, 1999.

(6) The provisions of this Act, insofar as they amend the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts, 1961 to 2000, shall be construed as one with those Acts, and those

provisions, the Courts (No. 2) Act 1991, and those Acts may be cited together as the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts 1961 to 2002.

(7) The provisions of this Act, insofar as they amend the Court Officers Acts 1926 to 1999, shall be construed as one with those Acts, and those provisions and those Acts may be cited together as the Court Officers Acts 1926 to 2002.

Annotations

Editorial Notes:

E1 Power pursuant to subs. (3) exercised (31.03.2005) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Section 46) (Commencement) Order 2004* (S.I. No. 712 of 2002).

2. The 31st day of March 2005 is appointed as the day on which section 46 of the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (No. 15 of 2002) shall come into operation.

E2 Power pursuant to subs. (3) exercised (1.10.2002) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Section 22) (Commencement) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 451 of 2002).

2. The 1st. day of October, 2002 is appointed as the day on which section 22 of the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 comes into operation.

E3 Power pursuant to subs. (2) exercised (1.10.2002) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 Sections 19 to 21 (Commencement) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 407 of 2002).

2. The 1st. day of October, 2002, is appointed as the day on which sections 19, 20 and 21 of the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 come into operation.

E4 Power pursuant to subs. (3) exercised (29.04.2002) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Section 29) (Commencement) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 176 of 2002).

2. The 29th day of April, 2002, is appointed as the day on which section 29 of the Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (No. 15 of 2002) shall come into operation.

Interpretation.

2.—(1) In this Act—

"Act of 1936" means Courts of Justice Act 1936;

"Act of 1961" means Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961;

"Act of 1981" means Courts Act 1981;

"Act of 1991" means Courts Act 1991;

"Act of 1995" means Courts and Court Officers Act 1995;

"Act of 1998" means Courts Service Act 1998.

(2) In this Act—

(*a*) a reference to a section or Schedule is a reference to a section of, or a Schedule to, this Act unless it is indicated that reference to some other enactment is intended,

(*b*) a reference to a subsection is a reference to a subsection of the provision in which the reference occurs unless it is indicated that reference to some other provision is intended, and

(*c*) a reference to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, adapted or extended by or under any subsequent enactment (including this Act).

Repeals.

3.—The enactments specified in *column (2)* of *Schedule 1* are repealed to the extent specified in *column (3)* of that Schedule.

PART 2

QUALIFICATION OF JUDGES

Amendment of section 5 of Act of 1961.

4.—Section 5 of the Act of 1961 is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (2):

"(2) (*a*) Subject to paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of this subsection, a person shall be qualified for appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court if the person is for the time being a practising barrister or a practising solicitor of not less than 12 years' standing who has practised as a barrister or a solicitor for a continuous period of not less than 2 years immediately before such appointment.

(*b*) A person who—

(i) is or was at any time during the period of 2 years immediately before the appointment concerned—

(I) a judge of the Court of Justice of the European Communities,

(II) a judge of the Court of First Instance attached to that Court,

(III) an Advocate-General of the Court of Justice of the European Communities,

(IV) a judge of the European Court of Human Rights established under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms done at Rome on the 4th day of November, 1950,

(V) a judge of the International Court of Justice established under the Charter of the United Nations,

(VI) a judge of the International Criminal Court established under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on the 17th day of July, 1998, upon the entry into force of that Statute,

(VII) a judge of an international tribunal within the meaning of section 2 of the International War Crimes Tribunals Act 1998,

and

(ii) was a practising barrister or a practising solicitor before appointment to any of the offices referred to in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph,

shall be qualified for appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court.

(*c*) A judge of the Circuit Court who has served as such a judge for a period of not less than 2 years shall be qualified for appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court.".

Amendment of section 17 of Act of 1961.

5.—Section 17 of the Act of 1961 is amended by the substitution of the following subsections for subsection (2):

"(2) A person who is for the time being a practising barrister or a practising solicitor of not less than 10 years' standing shall be qualified for appointment as a judge of the Circuit Court.

(2A) A judge of the District Court shall be qualified for appointment as a judge of the Circuit Court.

(2B) A county registrar who practised as a barrister or a solicitor for not less than 10 years before he or she was appointed to be a county registrar shall be qualified for appointment as a judge of the Circuit Court.".

Periods of practice as barrister and solicitor reckonable.

6.—Where a person has practised as a barrister and as a solicitor, periods of practice as a barrister and periods of practice as a solicitor may be reckoned to satisfy the minimum period of practice as a barrister, or as a solicitor, required by—

(*a*) subsection (2)(*a*) of section 5 (as amended by *section 4*) of the Act of 1961 in the case of an appointment as a judge of the Supreme Court F1**[**, the Court of Appeal**]** or the High Court,

(*b*) subsection (2) or (2B) of section 17 (as amended by *section 5*) of the Act of 1961 in the case of an appointment as a judge of the Circuit Court,

(*c*) section 14(1) (as amended by section 29 of the Act of 1995) of the Act of 1936 in the case of an appointment to act temporarily as a judge of the Circuit Court,

(*d*) subsection (2) or (3) of section 29 of the Act of 1961 in the case of an appointment as a judge of the District Court, or

(*e*) section 51(1) (as amended by section 48(8) of the Act of 1961) of the Act of 1936 in the case of an appointment to act temporarily as a judge of the District Court.

Annotations

Amendments:

F1 Inserted (28.10.2014) by *Court of Appeal Act 2014* (18/2014), s. 62(a), S.I. No. 479 of 2014.

Amendment of section 14 of Law Reform Commission Act 1975.

7.—Section 14 of the Law Reform Commission Act 1975, is amended—

(*a*) in subsection (2)—

(i) by the substitution of "Subject to subsection (2A) of this section, when a person who is a barrister or a solicitor is appointed" for "When a person who is a barrister is appointed", and

(ii) by the substitution of "shall be deemed to be practice as a barrister or a solicitor, as may be appropriate" for "shall be deemed to be practice at the Bar",

and

(*b*) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (2):

"(2A) Service as a Commissioner in a whole-time capacity or a whole-time officer of the Commission shall not be deemed to be practice as a barrister or a solicitor to satisfy the requirement in subsection (2)(*a*) of section 5 (as amended by *section 4* of the *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002*) of the Act of 1961 of a continuous period of not less than 2 years practice by a person as a barrister or a solicitor immediately before the appointment of the person as a judge of the Supreme Court or the High Court.".

PART 3

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Amendment of section 16 of Act of 1995.

8.—Section 16 of the Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following subsections for subsection (7):

"(7) (*a*) When submitting the name of a person to the Minister under this section, the Board shall indicate whether the person satisfies the requirements of subsection (2) of section 5 (as amended by *section 4* of the *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002*) of the Act of 1961 (in the

case of an appointment to the office of ordinary judge of the Supreme Court or of ordinary judge of the High Court), subsection (2) or (2B) of section 17 (as amended by *section 5* of the *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002*) of the Act of 1961 (in the case of an appointment to the office of ordinary judge of the Circuit Court) or subsection (2) or (3) of section 29 of the Act of 1961 (in the case of an appointment to the office of judge of the District Court) in respect of appointment to the judicial office for which the person wishes to be considered, and the Board shall not recommend a person to the Minister under this section unless the person satisfies those requirements.

(*b*) (i) The Board shall recommend a person to the Minister under this section only if the Board is of the opinion that the person—

(I) has displayed in his or her practice as a barrister or a solicitor a degree of competence and a degree of probity appropriate to and consistent with the appointment concerned,

(II) in the case of an appointment to the office of ordinary judge of the Supreme Court or of ordinary judge of the High Court, has an appropriate knowledge of the decisions, and an appropriate knowledge and appropriate experience of the practice and procedure, of the Supreme Court and the High Court,

(III) is suitable on the grounds of character and temperament,

(IV) complies with the requirements of section 19 of this Act, and

(V) is otherwise suitable.

(ii) In determining whether the requirements of subparagraph (i)(II) of this paragraph are satisfied, the Board shall have regard, in particular, to the nature and extent of the practice of the person concerned insofar as it relates to his or her personal conduct of proceedings in the Supreme Court and the High Court whether as an advocate or as a solicitor instructing counsel in such proceedings or both.".

Amendment of section 17 of Act of 1995.

9.—Section 17 of the Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of "subsection (2)(*b*) of section 5 (as amended by *section 4* of the *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002*) of the Act of 1961" for "the provisions of paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) of section 5(2) (as inserted by section 28 of this Act) of the Act of 1961".

Vacation of certain offices before appointment to judicial office.

10.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 17:

"17A.—A person who for the time being holds the office of—

(*a*) judge of the Court of Justice,

(*b*) judge of the Court of First Instance attached to that Court,

(*c*) Advocate-General of the Court of Justice,

(*d*) judge of the European Court of Human Rights established under the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms done at Rome on the 4th day of November, 1950,

(*e*) judge of the International Court of Justice established under the Charter of the United Nations,

(*f*) judge of the International Criminal Court established under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court done at Rome on the 17th day of July, 1998, upon the entry into force of that Statute,

(*g*) judge of an international tribunal within the meaning of section 2 of the International War Crimes Tribunals Act 1998,

shall vacate the office concerned before the President appoints the person to a judicial office.".

Annual Report of Judicial Appointments Advisory Board.

11.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 20:

"20A.—(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Board shall, as soon as may be, but not later than 6 months, after the end of each year, make a report in writing to the Minister of its activities during that year, and the Minister shall cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

(2) The first report under subsection (1) of this section shall be in respect of the period from the passing of the *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002*, to the end of the year in which that Act is passed.

(3) The Minister may, after consultation with the Board, give directions to it regarding the form of a report under this section and the manner in which any matter is to be addressed in such a report.

(4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, the Board shall include in a report under this section such information relating to the performance of its functions as the Minister may from time to time specify and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it may include information on one or more of the following:

(*a*) the number of persons considered by the Board for appointment to each vacancy in a judicial office in the Supreme Court, the High Court, the Circuit Court and the District Court respectively in the period concerned,

(*b*) the gender, professional qualifications and experience of the persons referred to in paragraph (*a*) of this subsection in relation to each such vacancy,

(*c*) the gender, professional qualifications and experience of persons appointed to a judicial office in the period concerned,

(*d*) the procedures of the Board for examining applications for appointment to a judicial office,

(*e*) the criteria used by the Board to select the persons it recommended to the Minister under section 16 of this Act.

(5) A report under this section shall not include information that discloses, or is likely to disclose, the identity of any person who was considered by the Board in relation to an appointment to a judicial office and was not appointed to such an office.".

Completion of partly heard cases by judge appointed to higher court.

12.—The Courts (Establishment and Constitution) Act 1961, is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 6:

"6A.—(1) Where a judicial office within the meaning of section 6 of this Act is vacated by a person in accordance with subsection (3) of that section, the person shall complete the hearing of any case or cases that have been partly heard by the person in the Court in which the judicial office is vacated if, at the request of the President of that Court—

(*a*) in case the person is appointed to the office of Chief Justice, President of the High Court or President of the Circuit Court, he or she considers it appropriate to do so, or

(*b*) in case the person is appointed to the office of ordinary judge of the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice requests the person to do so, or in case the person is appointed to the office of ordinary judge of the High Court or of the Circuit Court, the President of the High Court or the President of the Circuit Court, as may be appropriate, requests the person to do so.

(2) Whenever a judge sits in a Court in pursuance of this section, he or she shall be an additional judge of the Court concerned for all the purposes of that Court.".

PART 4

CIRCUIT COURT AND DISTRICT COURT

Extension of jurisdiction of Circuit Court.

13.—F2**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F2 Repealed (3.02.2014) by *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 2(1), S.I. No 566 of 2013.

Extension of jurisdiction of District Court.

14.—F3**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F3 Repealed (3.02.2014) by *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 2(1), S.I. No 566 of 2013.

Amendment of Third Schedule to Act of 1961.

15.—F4**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F4 Repealed (3.02.2014) by *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 2(1), S.I. No 566 of 2013.

Amendment of section 115 of Finance Act 1993.

16.—F5**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F5 Repealed (3.02.2014) by *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 2(1), S.I. No 566 of 2013.

Amendment of section 17 of Act of 1981.

17.—F6**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F6 Repealed (3.02.2014) by *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 2(1), S.I. No 566 of 2013.

Amendment of section 15(2) of Act of 1991.

18.—F7**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F7 Repealed (3.02.2014) by *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 2(1), S.I. No 566 of 2013.

Extension of jurisdiction of Circuit Court and District Court under section 21A of Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976.

19.—Section 21A (inserted by section 21 of the Status of Children Act 1987) of the Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976, is amended in subsection (1) by the substitution of "€4,000" for "£1,500" and of "€2,000" for "£750" in each place where it occurs.

Extension of jurisdiction of Circuit Court and District Court under section 23 of Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976.

20.—Section 23 (inserted by section 12 of the Act of 1981) of the Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976, is amended in subsection (2)(*a*) by—

(*a*) the substitution of "€500" for "£200" (inserted by section 11 of the Act of 1991), and

(*b*) the substitution of "€150" for "£60" (inserted by the said section 11).

Extension of jurisdiction of Circuit Court and District Court under Guardianship of Infants Act 1964.

21.—Section 5 (inserted by section 15(1)(*a*) of the Act of 1981) of the Guardianship of Infants Act 1964, is amended in subsection (2) by the substitution of "€150" for "£60" (inserted by section 12 of the Act of 1991).

Amendment of Second Schedule to Act of 1995.

22.—The Second Schedule to the Act of 1995 is amended—

(*a*) in paragraph 1—

(i) by the substitution of the following subparagraphs for subparagraph (v):

"(v) A conditional order for the appointment of a receiver by way of equitable execution and, if that appointment is consented to or is uncontested, an order for the appointment of the receiver, and an order for the discharge of a receiver.

(va) A conditional order of garnishee and, if the order is consented to or is uncontested, an order of garnishee.",

(ii) by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (ix):

"(ix) An order on an application for directions as to—

(I) service of a civil bill or other originating document not *inter partes*, or

(II) any other procedure in an action or matter.",

(iii) by the substitution of the following subparagraph for subparagraph (xxiv):

"(xxiv) An order to vacate a *lis pendens* on the application of—

(I) the person on whose application it was registered, or

(II) any person affected by it, on notice to the person on whose application it was registered, where the action to which it relates has been discontinued or determined or a document or pleading has not, for a period of not less than a year before the application to vacate it, been filed in that action by or on behalf of the person on whose application it was registered.",

(iv) by the substitution of the following subparagraphs for subparagraphs (xxvii), (xxviii) and (xxix):

"(xxvii) An order giving liberty to issue an execution order to replace an execution order that is lost or mislaid.

(xxviia) An order giving liberty to issue an execution order at any time during the period of 12 years from the date of the judgment or order of the Court whose execution is directed or authorised by the execution order.

(xxviib) An order giving liberty to amend the identity of the parties to an execution order in accordance with any amendment made by the Court to the identity of the parties to the judgment or order of the Court whose execution is directed or authorised by the execution order following the death of any party entitled or liable to execution under that order or the assignment of the debt due under that order.

(xxviii) An order for the transfer of proceedings to the High Court or the District Court, including all ancillary orders for the transfer of moneys lodged in the Circuit Court.

(xxix) An order giving liberty to—

(I) serve a third party notice to proceedings on notice to the plaintiff in the proceedings,

(II) join a party as a co-defendant to proceedings on notice to the plaintiff in the proceedings, or

(III) join a party as a co-plaintiff to proceedings on notice to the defendant in the proceedings.",

and

(v) by the addition of the following subparagraphs:

"(xxx) An order for the recovery of—

(I) a liquidated amount, or

(II) a specific chattel or chattels,

or both in any proceedings in which an appearance has not been entered or a defence has not been delivered.

(xxxi) An order entering judgment in an action for unliquidated damages, together with interest thereon and the costs, charges and expenses of the action, in which an appearance has not been entered or a defence has not been delivered.

(xxxii) An order for the recovery of possession of any land in ejectment proceedings in which an appearance has not been entered or a defence has not been delivered.

(xxxiii) An order for possession of any land within the meaning of section 3 of the Registration of Title Act 1964, in proceedings for an application under section 62(7) of that Act in which an appearance has not been entered or a defence has not been delivered.

(xxxiv) An order for the recovery of possession of any land on foot of a legal mortgage or charge in proceedings in which no other relief is claimed and an appearance has not been entered or a defence has not been delivered.

(xxxv) An order that—

(I) A debtor liable under a judgment or order of the Court to pay an amount of money or, where the debtor is a body corporate, an officer, employee or member of the body corporate, and

(II) any other person who a County Registrar considers appropriate,

may be examined orally by the County Registrar to ascertain what (if any) debts are owing to the debtor and what (if any) property or other means the debtor has to satisfy the judgment or order.",

(*b*) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph 1:

"1A. In paragraph 1 of this Schedule "execution order" has the meaning it would have if the words "issued by a court" were deleted from the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the Enforcement of Court Orders Act 1926.",

(*c*) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph 4:

"4. In any case in which a County Registrar may make an order, he or she may—

(*a*) make any supplementary or ancillary order,

(*b*) place a stay, subject to such conditions as he or she thinks just, on any order made, or

(*c*) give any necessary directions.",

and

(*d*) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph 9:

"9A. A County Registrar may, at the request of a party to proceedings, enter judgment in the proceedings for the amount that is agreed by the parties thereto and remains unpaid in respect of the costs, charges and expenses of the proceedings.".

Amendment of section 9 of Court Officers Act 1945.

23.—Section 9 of the Court Officers Act 1945, is amended—

(*a*) in subsection (1) (inserted by section 35 of the Act of 1995), by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (*b*):

"(*b*) Notwithstanding paragraph (*a*) of this subsection, the Courts Service may, whenever it considers it appropriate, require and authorise a County Registrar to perform—

(i) the duties (in addition to his or her own duties) of any other County Registrar during a specified period or until otherwise directed by the Courts Service, or

(ii) any duty or duties (in addition to his or her own duties) of any other County Registrar in a particular case or in particular circumstances.",

and

(*b*) by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (3):

"(3) Whenever an officer is required under this section to perform the duties, or any duty or duties, of another office, he or she shall, while the requirement remains in force, have all the powers of the holder of that office in respect of the duty or duties concerned as fully as if he or she held that office.".

Amendment of section 79 of Courts of Justice Act 1924.

24.—Section 79 (as amended by section 41 of the Act of 1995) of the Courts of Justice Act 1924, is amended—

(*a*) in subsection (2), by the insertion of "or no judge stands assigned to a District Court District," after "a judge for the time being assigned to a District Court District is unavailable,", and

(*b*) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (2):

"(2A) A judge of the District Court who exercises jurisdiction in a District Court District under subsection (2) of this section may hold a sitting of the District Court in the District Court District at a place or time not standing appointed for the time being for the hearing of cases of summary jurisdiction.".

Amendment of section 7(6) of Courts Act 1964.

25.—Section 7(6) of the Courts Act 1964, is amended—

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*)(iii), by the deletion of "shall be endorsed upon the original document and",

(*b*) in paragraph (*a*)(iv), by the insertion of ", not more than 3 days after service of the document," after "the time, date and place of posting of the envelope shall", and

(*c*) in paragraph (*b*), by the substitution of "the statutory declaration specified in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (*a*) of this subsection shall be lodged therewith and the endorsement specified in subparagraph (iv) of the said paragraph (*a*) shall be effected on the document before lodgment at that office" for "the endorsement specified in subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (*a*) of this subsection shall be effected thereon before lodgment at that office".

Number of ordinary judges of Circuit Court.

26.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 10 (inserted by section 1 of the Courts Act 1996):

"10.—The number of ordinary judges of the Circuit Court shall not be more than 30.".

Number of judges of District Court.

27.—(1) The Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1) of section 11:

"(1) The number of judges of the District Court in addition to the President of the District Court shall not be more than 52.".

(2) The Sixth Schedule to the Act of 1961 is amended in paragraph 2(1) by the substitution of the following clause for clause (*b*) (inserted by section 20 of the Act of 1991 and amended by section 11(2) of the Act of 1995):

"(*b*) Where, at the time of the appointment of a person to be a judge of the District Court, there are 14 judges of the District Court not permanently assigned to particular districts, the Government shall assign that person permanently to a particular district.".

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

Number of ordinary judges of High Court.

28.—The Act of 1995 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 9 (inserted by the Courts (No. 2) Act 1997):

"9.—The number of ordinary judges of the High Court shall not be more than 26.".

Amendment in specified case of Part I of Second Schedule to Act of 1961.

29.—Where a judge of the High Court who was appointed on 20 December 1990 vacated his office on 30 November 2001, he shall be deemed for the purposes of Part I of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1961 to have vacated his office after 15 years of service.

Interest on costs, charges or expenses of certain judgments, orders or decrees.

30.—F8**[**(1) Subject to section 23 of the Act of 1981, interest on the amount of costs, charges or expenses awarded to a party in proceedings in a court, to which section 27 of the Debtors (Ireland) Act 1840 applies, pursuant to a judgment, order or decree of the court, shall—

(*a*) not be payable until—

(i) if the amount aforesaid is agreed by the parties to the proceedings, the date of such agreement, or

(ii) in default of agreement—

(I) the date on which a certificate of taxation (which expression includes an interim certificate of taxation) in respect of the amount aforesaid is issued by a taxing master of the High Court or by a county registrar exercising the powers of such a taxing master, as may be appropriate, or

(II) if appropriate, in the case of proceedings in the Circuit Court, the date on which a county registrar measures the amount aforesaid in accordance with rules of court,

and

(*b*) be payable at the rate for the time being standing specified in section 26 of the Debtors (Ireland) Act 1840, from the appropriate date aforesaid until that amount is paid.**]**

(2) *Subsection (1)* also applies, where appropriate, to part only of the amount referred to in that subsection, and that subsection shall have effect accordingly.

(3) F9**[**...**]**

(4) F9**[**...**]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F8 Substituted (20.09.2004) by *Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004* (31/2004), s. 41(1), S.I. No. 544 of 2004, subject to transitional provision in subs. (3).

F9 Repealed (20.09.2004) by *Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004* (31/2004), s. 41(2), S.I. No. 544 of 2004, subject to transitional provision in subs. (3).

Amendment of section 7(8)(*c*) of Courts of Justice and Court Officers (Superannuation) Act 1961.

31.—Section 7(8)(*c*) of the Courts of Justice and Court Officers (Superannuation) Act 1961, is amended by the substitution of "an exact number of euro" for "an exact number of pounds".

Amendment of section 4(2) of Charities Act 1973.

32.—Section 4(2) of the Charities Act 1973, is amended by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (*d*):

"(*dd*) to apply the property of the charity *cy-près* if any of the circumstances specified in subsection (1) of section 47 of the Charities Act 1961, exist in relation to the charity,".

Amendment of Bail Act 1997.

33.—The Bail Act 1997, is amended—

(*a*) in section 5—

(i) in subsection (1), by the insertion of ", the court may, having regard to the circumstances of the case, including the means of the person and the nature of the offence in relation to which the person is in custody, order that" after "admits a person who is in custody to bail", and

(ii) in subsection (3), by the substitution of "the amount (if any) of any recognisance paid into court" for "the amount of any recognisance paid into court",

(*b*) in section 8(2), by the insertion of ", if the court, having regard to the circumstances of the case, including the means of the person and the nature of the offence to which the warrant relates, so orders" after "approved by the member and", and

(*c*) in section 9—

(i) in subsection (1), by the substitution of "any amount paid into court" for "the amount paid into court", and

(ii) in subsection (7), by the substitution of "any moneys paid into court" for "the moneys paid into court".

Amendment of section 61(3)(*h*) of Bankruptcy Act 1988.

34.—Section 61(3)(*h*) of the Bankruptcy Act 1988, is amended by the substitution of "€7,000" for "€1,300".

Attorney General to be member of committees on rules of court.

35.—F10**[**...**]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F10 Repealed (1.10.2008) by *Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008* (14/2008), s. 3 and sch. part 1, S.I. No. 274 of 2008, art. 3(3)(b).

Appointment of persons to act in place of certain members of committees on rules of court.

36.—F11**[...]**

Annotations

Amendments:

F11 Repealed (1.10.2008) by *Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008* (14/2008), s. 3 and sch. part 1, S.I. No. 274 of 2008, art. 3(3)(b).

Amendment of section 9 of Jurisdiction of Courts and Enforcement of Judgments Act 1998.

37.—Section 9 of the Jurisdiction of Courts and Enforcement of Judgments Act 1998, is amended—

(*a*) in subsection (8)(*a*), by the substitution of "district court area" for "district court district", and

(*b*) in subsection (16), by the substitution of "Dublin Metropolitan District" for "Dublin Metropolitan Area".

Amendment of section 8 of Act of 1998.

38.—Section 8 of the Act of 1998 is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):

"(1) The Service shall, as soon as practicable, but not later than 6 months, after the end of each year make a report in writing to the Minister of its activities during that year, and the Minister shall cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.".

Authentication of certain orders and other instruments made by Courts Service.

39.—The Act of 1998 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 10:

"10A.—(1)(*a*) The Board may authorise generally or specially the Chief Executive to authenticate any order or other instrument or both (other than an order or instrument under seal) made under any provision mentioned in column 3 of Schedule 2 of the Acts mentioned in column 2 opposite the mention of that provision in relation to any function of the Service under that provision that is performed by the Board or by a committee of the Board.

(*b*) The Chief Executive may authorise generally or specially a member of the staff of the Service to authenticate any order or other instrument or both which the Chief Executive is authorised to authenticate under paragraph (*a*).

(2) The Chief Executive may authorise generally or specially a member of the staff of the Service to authenticate any order or other instrument or both (other than an order or instrument under seal) made under any provision mentioned in column 3 of Schedule 2 of the Acts mentioned in column 2 opposite the mention of that provision in relation to any function of the Service under that provision that is performed by the Chief Executive.

(3) If—

(*a*) the Board has duly authorised the Chief Executive to authenticate any order or other instrument under subsection (1)(*a*), or

(*b*) the Chief Executive has duly authorised a member of the staff of the Service to authenticate any order or other instrument under subsection (1)(*b*) or (2),

then that order or instrument shall be sufficiently authenticated by the signature of the Chief Executive or of such member of the staff of the Service, as the case may be.

(4) In any proceedings, a document purporting to be an order or other instrument authenticated by the signature of the Chief Executive, or of a member of the staff of the Service, as the case may be, in accordance with subsection (3) shall, unless the contrary is shown, be deemed without proof to be such order or other instrument duly authenticated in accordance with that subsection.".

Amendment of section 13 of Act of 1998.

40.—Section 13 of the Act of 1998 is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):

"(1) The functions of the Board shall be—

(*a*) to consider and determine policy in relation to the Service,

(*b*) to oversee the implementation of that policy by the Chief Executive,

(*c*) to determine—

(i) which of the functions of the Service specified, or referred to, in section 5 and 29(1) are to be performed by it and which of those functions are to be performed by the Chief Executive, and

(ii) which of the powers of the Service specified, or referred to, in section 6 are to be exercised by it and which of those powers are to be exercised by the Chief Executive, and

(*d*) to perform such functions as it determines are to be performed by it under paragraph (*c*).".

Delegation of performance of functions of Board of Courts Service.

41.—The Act of 1998 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 13:

"13A.—(1) The Board may perform any of its functions, other than the function specified in section 13(1)(*c*), through or by a committee of the Board established under section 15, or through or by the Chief Executive, duly authorised in that behalf by the Board.

(2) Such functions of the Board the performance of which is delegated to the Chief Executive under subsection (1) as may be specified by the Chief Executive from time to time may, with the consent of the Board, be performed by such member of the staff of the Service as may be authorised in that behalf by the Chief Executive.".

Amendment of section 15 of Act of 1998.

42.—Section 15 of the Act of 1998 is amended by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):

"(1) The Board may establish such committees of the Board as it thinks fit to do either or both of the following:

(*a*) advise it in relation to the performance of its functions,

(*b*) perform any of its functions to which subsection (1) of section 13A applies.".

Amendment of section 20 of Act of 1998.

43.—Section 20 of the Act of 1998 is amended—

(*a*) by the substitution of the following subsection for subsection (1):

"(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, the Chief Executive shall—

(*a*) manage and control generally the staff, administration and business of the Service, including the functions of County Registrars insofar as such functions relate to a function of the Service,

(*b*) perform such functions of the Service as the Board determines are to be performed by the Chief Executive under section 13(1)(*c*), and

(*c*) perform such other functions as may be conferred on him or her by or under this Act or by the Board.",

and

(*b*) in subsection (4), by the deletion of ", with the consent of the Board,".

Amendment of Act of 1998.

44.—The Act of 1998 is amended by the substitution of the following section for section 33:

"33.—(1) The Service shall be deemed to be a State authority for the purposes of section 181(1) of the Act of 2000.

(2) (*a*) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of section 181 of the Act of 2000 or any regulations made under that subsection which provide for the giving of any specified notice with respect to proposed development consisting of the provision of temporary courthouses, it shall be necessary to give such notice of such proposed development once only.

(*b*) In paragraph (*a*), 'courthouses' means buildings, or other premises or installations, or other structures or facilities, whether provided on a temporary or permanent basis, used for the purposes of or in connection with the transaction of any business relating to a court, tribunal, inquiry or inquest established by statute.

(3) Where development is proposed to be carried out by or on behalf of the Service, the Minister may, if he or she is satisfied that the carrying out of the development is required by reason of an accident or emergency, by order provide that the Act of 2000 or, as may be appropriate, any requirement or requirements of regulations under section 181(1)(*b*) of the Act of 2000 specified in the order, shall not apply to the development, and for so long as such an order is in force the Act of 2000 or the said requirement or requirements, as the case may be, shall not apply to the development.

(4) The Minister may by order revoke an order made by him or her under subsection (3).

(5) The Minister shall cause an order made by him or her under subsection (3) or (4) to be published in the *Iris Oifigiúil* and notice of the making of the order to be published in a newspaper circulating in the area of the development concerned.

(6) In this section, 'Act of 2000' means Planning and Development Act 2000.".

Performance of function under section 44(2) of Act of 1936.

45.—(1) The function under subsection (2) of section 44 of the Act of 1936 shall be performed by the Minister to the exclusion of the Courts Service, and that subsection shall have effect accordingly.

(2) The reference to section 44(2) of the Act of 1936 in Schedule 2 to the Act of 1998 is deleted.

Register of reserved judgments.

46.—(1) The Courts Service shall establish and maintain in the prescribed form and manner a register of every judgment reserved by the Supreme Court, F12**[**the Court of Appeal,**]** the High Court, the Circuit Court and the District Court in any civil proceedings to be known as the Register of Reserved Judgments (in this section referred to as "the register").

(2) Such particulars as may be prescribed in respect of any proceedings in which judgment is reserved shall be entered in the register.

F13**[**(3) Subject to *subsection (6)*, if judgment in the proceedings concerned is not delivered before the expiration of 2 months from the date on which it is reserved, the President of the Court shall, as soon as may be after—

(*a*) the said expiration, and

(*b*) the expiration of each subsequent period of 2 months (if judgment is not delivered first),

list the proceedings or cause them to be listed before the judge who reserved judgment therein and shall give notice in writing to the parties to the proceedings of each date on which the proceedings are listed in accordance with this section.

(3A) If, apart from this subsection, *subsection (3)* would operate to require the President of the Court to do anything referred to in that subsection during a period when the court is in vacation, then that subsection shall be construed as requiring that President to do that thing as soon as may be after the expiration of that period.

(4) Where proceedings are listed before a judge in accordance with *subsection (3)*, the judge shall specify the date on which he or she proposes to deliver judgment in the proceedings.

(5) The date specified by a judge under *subsection (4)* shall, in relation to the proceedings concerned, be entered in the register and where the proceedings concerned have been listed more than once in accordance with *subsection (1)*, there shall be entered in the register on each occasion on which they are so listed the date, for the time being, standing so specified.**]**

(6) *Subsection (3)* shall not apply if the judge who reserved judgment in the proceedings concerned dies, or if the judge concerned is ill, for the duration of his or her illness or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed.

(7) (*a*) The register or any part of it shall be kept at a place or places to be prescribed and shall be made available for inspection by any person on payment of such fee (if any) as may be prescribed and at such times as may be prescribed.

(*b*) A person may, on a request being made by him or her in the prescribed manner and on payment of such fee (if any) as may be prescribed, obtain a copy certified in such manner as may be prescribed of any entry or entries in the register.

(8) The functions of the Courts Service under this section shall be performed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Courts Service, but such of those functions as may be specified by him or her may be performed by such member or members of the staff of the Courts Service as may be authorised in that behalf by him or her.

(9) (*a*) The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform may by regulations provide for any matter referred to in this section as prescribed or to be prescribed.

(*b*) F14**[**...**]**

F13**[**(10) In this section references to a judge shall, in the case of a court constituted of more than one judge, be construed as references to the judge who, among the judges of which the court was constituted, ranks first in order of precedence in accordance with *section 9* (inserted by section 9 of the Courts (No. 2) Act 1997) of the Courts of Justice Act 1924.**]**

(11) In this section—

"prescribed" means prescribed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform by regulations under this section;

F15**[**"President of the Court" means—

(*a*) in relation to the District Court, the President of the District Court,

(*b*) in relation to the Circuit Court, the President of the Circuit Court,

(*c*) in relation to the High Court, the President of the High Court,

F12**[**(*cc*) in relation to the Court of Appeal, the President of the Court of Appeal,**]**

(*d*) in relation to the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice;**]**

"reserved", in relation to a judgment in court proceedings, means where a decision in the proceedings or the reasons for such decision or both are not announced by the court immediately upon the conclusion of the hearing of the proceedings but instead are postponed—

(*a*) without a date for such announcement being specified at the time, or

(*b*) for a period of not less than 14 days after such conclusion.

Annotations

Amendments:

F12 Inserted (28.10.2014) by *Court of Appeal Act 2014* (18/2014), s. 62(b)(i), (ii), S.I. No. 479 of 2014.

F13 Substituted (20.09.2004) by *Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004* (31/2004), s. 55(a), (c), S.I. No. 544 of 2004.

F14 Deleted (20.09.2004) by *Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004* (31/2004), s. 55(b), S.I. No. 544 of 2004.

F15 Inserted (20.09.2004) by *Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004* (31/2004), s. 55(d), S.I. No. 544 of 2004.

F16 Inserted by *Family Courts Act 2024* (48/2024), s. 56(a), (b), not commenced as of date of revision.

Modifications (not altering text):

C1 Prospective affecting provision: subss. (3), (3A) amended by *Family Courts Act 2024* (48/2024), s. 56(a), (b), not commenced as of date of revision.

F13**[**(3) Subject to *subsection (6)*, if judgment in the proceedings concerned is not delivered before the expiration of 2 months from the date on which it is reserved, F16**[**the President of the Court or, in respect of the Family High Court, the Family Circuit Court or the Family District Court, the Principal Judge of that Court**]**, as soon as may be after—

(*a*) the said expiration, and

(*b*) the expiration of each subsequent period of 2 months (if judgment is not delivered first),

list the proceedings or cause them to be listed before the judge who reserved judgment therein and shall give notice in writing to the parties to the proceedings of each date on which the proceedings are listed in accordance with this section.

(3A) If, apart from this subsection, *subsection (3)* would operate to require F16**[**the President or Principal Judge, as the case may be,**]** of the Court to do anything referred to in that subsection during a period when the court is in vacation, then that subsection shall be construed as requiring F16**[**that President or Principal Judge, as the case may be,**]** to do that thing as soon as may be after the expiration of that period.

...**]**

Editorial Notes:

E5 Power pursuant to section exercised (29.04.2015) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Register of Reserved Judgments) (Amendment) Regulations 2015* (S.I. No. 163 of 2015).

E6 Power pursuant to subss. (6), (9)(b) exercised (27.07.2005) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Register of Reserved Judgments) (Amendment) Regulations 2005* (S.I. No. 409 of 2005).

E7 Power pursuant to subs. (9)(a) exercised (31.03.2005) by *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Register of Reserved Judgments) Regulations 2005* (S.I. No. 171 of 2005), in operation as per reg. 1(2).

Section 3.

SCHEDULE 1

Enactments Repealed

Number and Year (1)	Short Title (2)	Extent of Repeal (3)
No. 3 of 1975	Law Reform Commission Act 1975	Subsection (3) of section 14
No. 11 of 1964	Courts Act 1964	Section 7(6)(*a*)(ii) insofar as it relates to a document by which proceedings in the Circuit Court (other than appeals from the District Court) are instituted

Sections 13. and *14.*

SCHEDULE 2

PART 1

Extension of Monetary Limit of Jurisdiction of Circuit Court

Number and Year (1)	Short Title (2)	Provision (3)
No. 48 of 1936	Courts of Justice Act 1936	Section 20 Subsections (1) and (2) of section 23
No. 39 of 1961	Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961	Column (3) of the Third Schedule Column (3) of the Fifth Schedule opposite the mention in column (2) thereof of the Attorneys' and Solicitors' Act 1870
No. 7 of 1963	Hotel Proprietors Act 1963	Section 10(1) 1963
No. 39 of 1976	Wildlife Act 1976	Subparagraph (ii) of the definition of "appropriate court" in paragraph (*b*), and paragraph (*c*)(ii)(I), of subsection (1) (inserted by section 69 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000) of section 76
No. 1 of 1977	Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977	Paragraphs (*b*)(ii) and (*c*)(ii) of section 10(1)
No. 22 of 1981	Family Law Act 1981	Section 8(1)
No. 6 of 1987	Air Pollution Act 1987	Paragraphs (*b*)(ii) and (*c*)(ii) of section 28A(1)
No. 17 of 1992	Foreshore (Amendment) Act 1992	Paragraphs (*b*)(ii) and (*c*)(ii) of section 6(1)
No. 23 of 1993	Animal Remedies Act 1993	Subparagraph (ii) of the definition of "appropriate court" in paragraph (*a*), and paragraph (*b*)(ii)(I), of section 25(3)
No. 10 of 1996	Waste Management Act 1996	Paragraphs (*b*)(ii) and (*c*)(ii) of section 58(1)
No. 11 of 1996	Harbours Act 1996	Paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of subsection (6), and paragraph (*b*) of subsection (12), of section 14

PART 2

Extension of Monetary Limit of Jurisdiction of Circuit Court

Number and Year (1)	Short Title (2)	Provision (3)
No. 10 of 1924	Courts of Justice Act 1924	Clauses (i) to (iii) and (v) of paragraph A of section 77
No. 18 of 1926	Enforcement of Court Orders Act 1926	Section 22(1)
No. 39 of 1961	Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961	Section 33(3)
No. 27 of 1976	Family Home Protection Act 1976	Section 10(5)(*b*)
No. 7 of 2001	Finance Act 2001	Section 128(1)
No. 7 of 1963	Hotel Proprietors Act 1963	Section 10(2)
No. 39 of 1976	Wildlife Act 1976	Subparagraph (i) of the definition of "appropriate court" in paragraph (*b*), and paragraph (*c*)(i)(I), of subsection (1) (inserted by section 69 of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000) of section 76
No. 1 of 1977	Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977	Paragraphs (*b*)(i) and (*c*)(i) of section 10(1)
No. 22 of 1981	Family Law Act 1981	Section 8(2)
No. 6 of 1987	Air Pollution Act 1987	Paragraphs (*b*)(i) and (*c*)(i) of section 28A(1)
No. 17 of 1992	Foreshore (Amendment) Act 1992	Paragraphs (*b*)(i) and (*c*)(i) of section 6(1)
No. 23 of 1993	Animal Remedies Act 1993	Subparagraph (i) of the definition of "appropriate court" in paragraph (*a*), and paragraph (*b*)(i)(I), of section 25(3)
No. 10 of 1996	Waste Management Act 1996	Paragraphs (*b*)(i) and (*c*)(i) of section 58(1)
No. 11 of 1996	Harbours Act 1996	Section 14(6)
No. 8 of 1995	Finance Act 1995	Section 93(1)
No. 26 of 1995	Family Law Act 1995	Section 42(4)

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Related legislation

Courts Officers Acts 1926 to 2014: this Act is one of a group of Acts included in this collective citation, to be read together as one (*Court of Appeal Act 2014*), s. 1(4)). The Acts in the group are:

- *Court Officers Act 1926* (27/1926)
- *Court Officers (Amendment) Act 1937* (21/1937) *(Repealed)*
- *Court Officers Act 1945* (25/1945)
- *Court Officers Act 1951* (8/1951)
- *Courts of Justice and Court Officers (Superannuation) Act 1961* (16/1961) in so far as it amends and extends the *Courts Officers Acts 1926 to 1951*
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1991* (23/1991), in so far as it amends or extends the *Courts of Justice and Court Officers (Superannuation) Act 1961*
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 1995* (31/1995) in so far as it amends or extends the *Court Officers Acts 1926 to 1991*
- *Oireachtas (Allowances To Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998* (5/1998), in so far as it amends the *Courts of Justice and Court Officers (Superannuation) Act 1961*
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1999* (25/1999) in so far as it amends or extends the *Courts Officers Acts 1926 to 1998*
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002* (15/2002), in so far as it amends the *Court Officers Acts 1926 to 1999*
- *Civil Law(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008* (14/2008), ss. 29, 30
- *Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012* (37/2012), ss. 63, 64
- *Court of Appeal Act 2014* (18/2014), to the extent it amends or extends the *Court Officers Acts 1926 to 2012* and the *Courts and Court Officers Act 2009*

Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts 1961 to 2025: this Act is one of a group of Acts included in this collective citation, to be construed together as one (*Courts and Civil law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2025* (13/2025), s. 1(5). The Acts in the group are:

- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961* (39/1961)
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1962* (18/1962)
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1964* (9/1964)
- *Courts Act 1964* (11/1964)
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1968* (3/1968)
- *Courts Act 1971* (36/1971)
- *Courts Act 1973* (26/1973)

- *Courts Act 1977* (11/1977)
- *Courts Act 1979* (15/1979)
- *Courts Act 1981* (11/1981)
- *Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary and Judicial Offices (Amendment) Act 1983* (32/1983), s. 2(6), (7)(a)
- *Courts Act 1985* (23/1985)
- *Courts Act 1986* (1/1986)
- *Courts Act 1988* (14/1988)
- *Courts Act 1991* (20/1991)
- *Courts (No. 2) Act 1991* (21/1991)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 1995* (31/1995), ss. 3, 7, 8, 11(2), 28, 30, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 50(1)
- *Courts Act 1996* (26/1996)
- *Courts Act 1997* (6/1997)
- *Jurisdiction of Courts and Enforcement of Judgments Act 1998* (52/1998), ss. 7 to 10, 13, 14, 16, 20A, 20E to 20H, 20J, 20K and 20M
- *Oireachtas (Allowances to Members) and Ministerial, Parliamentary, Judicial and Court Offices (Amendment) Act 1998* (5/1998), ss. 24-31
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 1999* (25/1999)
- *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) (Amendment) Act 2000* (15/2000)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002* (15/2002)
- *Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Act 2003* (36/2003)
- *Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Act 2007* (4/2007)
- *Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008* (14/2008), ss. 9, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23
- *Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012* (37/2012), ss. 65, 66
- *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013), s. 17
- *Court of Appeal Act 2014* (18/2014), to the extent that it amends or extends the *Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Acts 1961 to 2013*
- *Choice of Court (Hague Convention) Act 2015* (38/2015), ss. 5-9
- *Courts Act 2017* (8/2017)
- *Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019* (19/2019), s. 41
- *Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2021* (14/2021), s. 8
- *Courts Act 2023* (12/2023), ss. 3-6
- *Judicial Appointments Commission Act 2023* (33/2023), ss. 63-65
- *Courts and Civil law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2025* (13/2025), ss. 5-8

Annotations

This Revised Act is annotated and includes textual and non-textual amendments, statutory instruments made pursuant to the Act and previous affecting provisions.

An explanation of how to read annotations is available at https://revisedacts.lawreform.ie/revacts/annotations.

Material not updated in this revision

Where other legislation is amended by this Act, those amendments may have been superseded by other amendments in other legislation, or the amended legislation may have been repealed or revoked. This information is not represented in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the amended legislation if one is available.

Where legislation or a fragment of legislation is referred to in annotations, changes to this legislation or fragment may not be reflected in this revision but will be reflected in a revision of the legislation referred to if one is available.

A list of legislative changes to any Act, and to statutory instruments from 1972, may be found linked from the page of the Act or statutory instrument at www.irishstatutebook.ie.

Acts which affect or previously affected this revision

- *Family Courts Act 2024* (48/2024)
- *Court of Appeal Act 2014* (18/2014)
- *Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013* (32/2013)
- *Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008* (14/2008)
- *Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004* (31/2004)

All Acts up to and including *Development (Strategic Gas Reserve) Act 2026* (36/2026), enacted 23 July 2026, were considered in the preparation of this revision.

Statutory instruments which affect or previously affected this revision

- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Register of Reserved Judgments) (Amendment) Regulations 2015* (S.I. No. 163 of 2015)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Register of Reserved Judgments) (Amendment) Regulations 2005* (S.I. No. 409 of 2005)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Register of Reserved Judgments) Regulations 2005* (S.I. No. 171 of 2005)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Section 46) (Commencement) Order 2004* (S.I. No. 712 of 2004)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Section 22) (Commencement) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 451 of 2002)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 Sections 19 To 21 (Commencement) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 407 of 2002)
- *Courts and Court Officers Act 2002 (Section 29) (Commencement) Order 2002* (S.I. No. 176 of 2002)

All statutory instruments up to and including *Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 (Property Vesting Day) Order 2026* (S.I. No. 503 of 2026), made 1 October 2026, were considered in the preparation of this revision.