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SCOTLAND ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS (AND SCHEDULES)

Part 4: Miscellaneous

Section 37: Time limits for appeals on devolution issues in criminal proceedings

201. This section amends Schedule 6 to the 1998 Act to provide time limits for appeals to the Supreme Court in relation to devolution issues arising in criminal proceedings. An application has to be made to the High Court for permission to appeal within 28 days of determination of the appeal or such longer period as the Court considers equitable. If the High Court refuses permission, an application to the Supreme Court has to be made within 28 days of the date on the High Court's refusal of permission. Again the time limit can be extended if the Court considers this equitable. The time limits are the same as those that apply in relation to compatibility issue appeals to the Supreme Court in criminal proceedings by virtue of section 36.