



Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 36

PART IV

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

24 Presiding officer and Clerk of the Assembly

- (1) The Assembly elected under the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973, and every Assembly subsequently elected, shall as its first business elect one of its members to be the presiding officer of the Assembly.
- (2) The person so elected shall hold office until the dissolution of the Assembly unless he previously resigns or ceases to be a member of the Assembly or is removed from office by resolution of the Assembly; and if the presiding officer vacates his office before the expiration of his term of office the Assembly shall elect another person to fill his place for the remainder of that term.
- (3) There shall be a Clerk to the Assembly appointed by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Clerk to the Assembly shall, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland as to numbers, appoint such other officers and servants of the Assembly as he considers requisite.
- (5) The remuneration of the Clerk to the Assembly shall be such as may be determined by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland; and the remuneration and conditions of service of the other officers and servants of the Assembly shall be such as may be determined by the Clerk to the Assembly with the consent of that Ministry.
- (6) The remuneration of the Clerk to the Assembly shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland and the remuneration of the other officers and servants of the Assembly shall be defrayed out of moneys appropriated by Measure.
- (7) The Clerk to the Assembly shall act as presiding officer while that office is vacant pending an election under subsection (1) or (2) above.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (8) Any functions of the Clerk to the Assembly (including functions under section 5 above or under subsection (7) above) may, if the office of Clerk is vacant or the Clerk is for any reason unable to act, be discharged by any other officer for the time being discharging the duties of the Clerk.