



# Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

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### PUBLIC PROCESSIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1998

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**SCHEDULES****SCHEDULE 1 — The Commission***Status*

1 (1) The Commission shall be a body corporate.

*Membership*

2 (1) The Commission shall consist of— (a) a chairman; and...

*Term of office*

3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

*Remuneration*

4 The Secretary of State may pay to the chairman and...

*Procedure*

5 (1) The quorum for a meeting of the Commission shall...

*Staff*

6 (1) The Commission may, with the approval of the Secretary...

*Validity of proceedings*

7 The validity of any proceedings of the Commission shall not...

*Seal*

8 The application of the seal of the Commission shall be...

*Contracts, etc.*

9 (1) Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or...

*Evidence*

10 A document purporting to be— (a) duly executed under the...

*Finance*

11 The Secretary of State may make payments to the Commission...

*Accounts and audit*

- 12 (1) The Commission shall— (a) keep proper accounts and proper...

*Annual report*

- 13 (1) The Commission shall, within such period after the end...

SCHEDULE 2 — Provisions relating to code of conduct, procedural rules and guidelines

*Interpretation*

- 1 In this Schedule “relevant instrument” means— (a) the Code of...

*The first issue of relevant instruments*

- 2 As soon as practicable after it is established, the Commission...  
3 The Commission shall then send the draft of each relevant...  
4 A relevant instrument laid before Parliament in draft under paragraph...

*Revision of a relevant instrument*

- 5 Where the Commission proposes to revise a relevant instrument, it...  
6 After complying with paragraph 5, the Commission shall submit the...  
7 The Commission shall then send the draft of the revised...  
8 A revised relevant instrument laid before Parliament in draft under...

*Admissibility of relevant instruments*

- 9 A relevant instrument shall be admissible in evidence in civil...

SCHEDULE 3 — Amendments

*The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)*

- 1 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

*The Northern Ireland Assembly (Disqualification) Act 1975 (c. 25)*

- 2 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland...

*The Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (NI 7)*

- 3 (1) The Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 shall be...

SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals