



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 7

PROCEDURE RULES AND PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

Family Procedure Rules and practice directions

79 Process for making Family Procedure Rules

- (1) The Family Procedure Rule Committee must, before making Family Procedure Rules—
 - (a) consult such persons as they consider appropriate, and
 - (b) meet (unless it is inexpedient to do so).
- (2) Rules made by the Family Procedure Rule Committee must be—
 - (a) signed by a majority of the members of the Committee, and
 - (b) submitted to the Lord Chancellor.
- [^{F1}(3) The Lord Chancellor may allow or disallow rules so made.
- (4) If the Lord Chancellor disallows rules, he must give the Committee written reasons for doing so.]
- (5) Rules so made, [^{F2}and allowed] by the Lord Chancellor—
 - (a) come into force on such day as the Lord Chancellor directs, and
 - (b) are to be contained in a statutory instrument to which the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (c. 36) applies as if the instrument contained rules made by a Minister of the Crown.
- (6) ^{F3}... a statutory instrument containing Family Procedure Rules is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) ^{F4}.....

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 79(3)(4) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 341\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(aa)
- F2** Words in s. 79(5) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 341\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(aa)
- F3** Words in s. 79(6) repealed (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 146, Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 30(b)
- F4** S. 79(7) repealed (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 146, Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 30(b)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 79 partly in force; s. 79 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 110(1)(2); s. 79 in force for certain purposes at 7.10.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2744, art. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#) (with [arts. 2\(1\), 3](#))
- I2** S. 79 in force at 12.12.2010 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2010/2921, art. 2\(c\)](#)

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