

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
2016 (c.21) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016*

# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1**

#### **Fines and Other Penalties: Enforcement**

#### *Chapter 2: Other Enforcement Procedures*

#### *Section 31: Distress in default*

This Section amends section 3 of the Fines Act (Ireland) 1851 to prevent a warrant of distress being executed at the point of sentence in the Crown Court (Section 31(1)). It also amends Article 92 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 to prevent the same in the magistrates' courts (Section 31(2)).