

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 27 April 2022*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1 - Adoption**

#### ***Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders***

#### ***Section 54: Revocation of adoptions on legitimisation***

Section 54 provides that, where a child is adopted by one natural parent as the sole adoptive parent, the adoption order may, in circumstances where a child is legitimised by the subsequent marriage of, or formation of a civil partnership by, the child's natural parents to each other, on application, be revoked by the court in which the adoption order was made. In *subsection (2)* the reference to the court in which the adoption order was made includes a reference to any other county court.