



2022 CHAPTER 4

Abolition of preliminary investigations and mixed committals

Abolition of preliminary investigations

1. Article 30 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (which enables a magistrates' court to conduct a preliminary investigation of an indictable offence) is repealed; and accordingly all committal proceedings in a magistrates' court shall be by way of preliminary inquiry under that Order.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 5\(2\)](#)
- I2** [S. 1](#) in operation at 17.10.2022 by [S.R. 2022/221](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Criminal Justice (Committal Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, Section 1.